



From Pastor's Pen ...



“The Gift of Discernment

“By their fruit you will recognize them.”

Matthew 7:16

Are you a *discerning* person? The kind of person who makes correct judgments and decisions? In today's world of having it all...to know yourself inside and out, to live a perfect life and to make decisions you will never regret...is the central focus of a lot of people's lives. To be the perfect Mom or Dad, the perfect wife or husband, the person with the most or the best; is what so many are aiming for! While it is good to examine our thoughts and actions, as well as our motives and desires; what is the mirror that we are looking into? Is it ourselves? Our common sense? Our own sensibilities? The desire to be perfect on our own is a recipe for disaster.

Why? Because we are imperfect people. We are sinners through and through. Darkness and uncertainty cloud our thinking and decision making and finally our actions. In our desire to be perfect, we become fearful, fretful and terribly serious, humorless and brittle. In short the kind of people who don't make a very good advertisement for the faith.

But the good news is, Christ is still the Savior, our Savior from sin, Satan, hell and death. And He is the Savior who saves us from ourselves even our best of intentions! Do we really need that? Absolutely! Not too long ago I heard a conversation between two people who were dissecting the words and actions of someone else. Finally the one said to the other, “Well, we aren't to judge but we are supposed to be *fruit inspectors* as the Savior said.”

My friend made a very discerning observation. Jesus once said, “*judge not and you shall not be judged*”. (Matthew 7:1) While everyone is fond of quoting these words of Jesus, many Christians fail to hear what Jesus says immediately following those words. “*For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged and with the measure you use it will be*

measured to you.” (Matthew 7:2) What Jesus is getting at is that our judgments, our pronouncements have a way of coming back and condemning us because we are far from perfect ourselves. Augustine the Church Father, whom Luther often quoted, has this bit of wise advice: “*When we do not know the intentions behind a person's actions, we ought to put the best construction on them.*”

Jesus isn't suggesting that we should never confront others with the Word of God. Jesus isn't ruling out that we should never judge. The standard and the norm for our thinking, our words and actions is always the Word of God. As Paul wrote: “*whatever was written in former days [the Scriptures] was written for our learning..*”(Romans 15:4) and then Paul also states, “*preach the Word be ready in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, and exhort with complete patience and teaching.*” (II Timothy 2:4). The Apostle Peter states it this way, “*always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you...yet do it with gentleness and respect having a good conscience, so that when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.*” (I Peter 3:15-16)

So what is the discerning Christian to do? First of all let the Word of God shape your thinking, your words and actions. *Following your heart* or letting the emotion of the moment be your guide isn't at all the same as the Word of God. Secondly remember that you and I as sinful human beings are far from perfect ourselves. If we don't have all the facts, it's bad to draw conclusions. If we don't know the whole picture, why the rush to judgment?

As discerning children of God we always want to share the love of Christ the Savior. When someone falls, when someone hurts us, or when someone fails to live up to our expectations, remember the words of Jesus, “*Forgive and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down,*

shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6:37b-38)

Prayer: Dear Savior, I confess that I am far from perfect and yet so often by my words and actions I present it so and delude myself into believing it. Help me to see and treasure the forgiveness and perfection, You won for me on the cross and give me so generously day by day. By my words and actions may I draw others to the love and mercy that You give to me; in Your Name, we pray, Amen.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Last Night of Catechism Class

The last night for Catechism Class will be Wednesday, May 16th. Class will be at its usual time of 6:30-8PM. Pizza and ice cream will be served. Parents are reminded to keep checking the summer calendar for acolyting so that we can keep a regular rotation during June, July and August.



Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday School for the 2011-12 year will conclude on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Our thanks to our dedicated teachers who faithfully taught the children of our congregation regularly week after week. As a congregation we will recognize them for the work that they have done through out the year on May 20th. Just a reminder that the children of St. Paul Lutheran Sunday School will be singing in church on Sunday, May 20th at the 10:30AM service.



Easter Thank-You's

A great big thank you to all the folks around church on Easter morning who made it a wonderful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. From all our musicians, pianist, and organist, to the choir of St. Paul/Zion Lutheran Churches; to all our Catechism families who helped with the prep, delivery and clean-up for another fantastic Easter breakfast... thank you one and all! Thanks too for all the generous donations for the breakfast from our membership! Your work and efforts are very much appreciated!



Women's Book Club

The final meeting of the book club will be on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 PM. Discussion continues on the current book the group is reading, *Having a Mary Spirit, Allowing God To Change Us From The Inside Out*, by Joanna Weaver.

Geranium Sunday at St. Paul

The Festival of Pentecost, the 3rd Festival Sunday of the Church Year which celebrates the work of the Holy Spirit, falls on May 27, 2012. In years past we have celebrated this occasion with red and white geraniums in our church's chancel area. Why not remember the special work of the Holy Spirit, and enjoy a beautiful plant that will bloom all summer long. These red/white geraniums can be picked up following services on Sunday, May 27th. A sign up sheet can be found on the round table in the fellowship area.



St. Paul Preschool End of the Year Celebration

On Wednesday May 23, 2012, St. Paul Preschool & "Little Learners" will have their End of the Year Celebration with a brief service at 6:30 PM followed by refreshments in the basement fellowship area. The Childcare and Preschool Program extends their sincere thanks for all the donations and support that our congregational membership has extended to them through out the past year.



Summer Schedule Begins - May 27th

The summer schedule of Sunday morning worship services begins on Sunday, May 27th with services being held at 7:45 and 9:30 AM. This summer schedule will run through Labor Day, September 3, 2012. Sunday Morning Bible Class will also take a summer recess.

Armed Forces Sunday

St. Paul will observe Memorial Day on Sunday, May 27, 2012 with a special collection for our Armed Forces with the "Faith Comes By Hearing" organization which strives to put the Bible into the hands of our servicemen and women. "Faith Comes By Hearing" has developed memory sticks (similar to an ipod) which they are able to listen to at their convenience. At the moment more than 140,000 of these unique Bible memory sticks (ipods) have been given to our armed forces. For many this is the very first time they have had the opportunity to hear and listen to the Scriptures. The cost for one Bible memory stick (ipod) is \$25.00. It would be wonderful if every family in our congregation could contribute \$25.00 for one as a way of thanking God for the tremendous sacrifice that these young men and women are making for the defense of our country! Collections will be taken for this beginning on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Watch for the display in the fellowship area.



"We Are Sisters In Christ"

All the women from St. Paul Lutheran Church from middle school (6th Grade and up) are invited to a special inspirational evening on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 6:30PM. Heather Ruesch, a singer and songwriter, will be the featured speaker and presenter this evening. Heather will be speaking on life issues and family values from a women's perspective. She is married to Pastor Matthew Ruesch, Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS) of Bear Creek, WI. This is an event for all women middle school (6th grade and up), daughters, mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers! Please be a part of this inspirational evening! Please watch for the posters and bulletin inserts highlighting this event.

Soap For Mexico

Remember the bars of soap we collected last summer for Pastor Martin in Del Rio, Texas? These gifts along with others were carefully packed into a back pack and distributed to children living in the Acuna, Mexico area this past Christmas season. There is a display on the round table in the fellowship area of this past summer' mission project. Watch the bulletin during the weeks to follow with more information for this year's collection for the Lutheran mission church in Acuna, Mexico.



Graduation Recognition

Graduation Recognition Sunday for members of St. Paul who are graduating from high school, college, and technical schools will occur on Sunday, June 3, 2012. Education is a blessing which our children should treasure and our parents should encourage. Our graduates are encouraged to come to church on this Sunday and celebrate this important milestone. Cake and coffee will be served between services. Please call the church office at 446-3251 so that your family member or loved one can be included in the bulletin insert.



Summer Events At St. Paul Are Around The Corner!

Summers are jammed pack with all sorts of events on family calendars! As you plan what you are going to be doing; please keep church and your worship life in mind. The following events are scheduled for the summer months at St. Paul:

June 10, 2012 Missionary Sunday

We welcome Pastor and Mrs. David Baker and their family. The Baker's are members here at St. Paul's but Pastor Baker is a LCMS missionary in Asia and spends his time sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in areas where Islam is growing. Come and hear about the unique challenges and blessings that God is unfolding in Kazakhstan and other areas of Asia. Our gifts together with other gifts from LCMS congregations in our area, keep this vital mission work going along with our Lord's blessings. Pastor David Baker will be preaching at the 7:45 & 9:30AM services

July 15, 2012 Summer Worship/Concert Service

Pastor David Horn will be with us for a special service of worship and music on this Sunday. Pastor Horn was with us a few summers ago and presented a musical worship hour and sermon that was enjoyed by all. Please save the date and watch the bulletin and newsletters for more information on this event.

June 23, 2012 Vacation Bible School

St. Paul's is planning Vacation bible School for Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 9AM-12:30PM for preschool ages through 5th grade. A special envelope will be distributed this Sunday to families at St. Paul after the early and late services. We are in need of volunteers to help with teaching, crafts, snacks and lunch; as well as donations for the day as you are able. Please fill out the envelope and return it to the church office by Monday, May 14, 2012. Thanks for your help!

Timber Rattlers Outing

St. Paul's is again planning a group outing to a Wisconsin Timber Rattler game at Fox Cities Stadium in Appleton on Wednesday, June 27. The T-Rats play the Quad Cities River Bandits at 7:05 pm. Group reserved tickets (with a group of 20 or more) are \$7.00 each. There is also a \$5 per car fee for parking. Gates open 2 ½ hours before game time, if anyone is interested in tailgating. It is also "Bang for Your Buck" Night - \$1.00 hot dogs, soda, and beer can be purchased. Watch for sign-up sheets in your bulletin for the outing. The deadline to sign up will be Sunday, June 10.



North Wisconsin LWML District Convention

June 14-16, 2012 is the 34th Biennial District Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the North Wisconsin District at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. The theme for the convention is "Be Fruitful In All Seasons". A variety of presentations from the Bakers (Missionary to Kazakhstan) to Jan Struck are part of the 3 day convention. If you are interested in attending, please watch for packets located by the church mailboxes or visit the North Wisconsin LWML Distirct Convention website at nwdlwml.org/convention2012.htm.



St. Paul Scrip Updates

Our April profit as of 4/23 was \$431.19.

As you plan for weekly gas & groceries, please see if you can utilize the scrip program. It costs you absolutely nothing extra – simply purchase a card for the place you are shopping, and use it like cash at the store. Scrip cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings after both services and are also sold during the week in the Church Office. Orders are placed every Monday morning for cards not kept on hand and are usually ready to be picked up by Wednesday afternoon. Order forms can be found on the table in the fellowship hallway or can be picked up in the Church Office. If you have any questions regarding the Scrip program or would like to request a card that we don't currently have on hand to be kept on hand, please call the Church Office at 446-3251.

Graduation is just around the corner. If you are not sure what to get that special graduate, why not consider a scrip gift card.

Scrip Purchase Ideas

Normal Purchases

Food, Clothing, Fuel

Projects or Big Purchases

Home Remodel, Appliances, Furniture

Vacations

Hotels and Resorts (including Disney)

Gifts

Birthday, Wedding, Graduation



New Vendor

We have recently added **Culver's** as a new vendor with \$10 cards kept on hand.

Scrip Cards On Hand:

Aeropostale \$25

Applebee's \$25

BP Gas \$50

Bath & Body Works \$10/\$25

Buffalo Wild Wings \$25

Cabelas \$25

Chili's \$25

Copps/Pick N Save \$25/\$100

Culver's \$10

Dick's Sporting Goods \$25

Festival Foods (Appleton/Oshkosh) \$50/\$100

Festival Foods (New London) \$25/\$50

Fleet Farm \$10/\$25/\$50

Gander Mountain \$25

Hotel Fremont \$10

iTunes \$15/\$25

KD's IGA \$10/\$25

Kmart \$25

Kohl's \$25/\$100

Kwik Trip \$10/\$20/\$50/\$100

Menards \$25

Old Navy/Gap \$25

Olive Garden/Red Lobster \$25

Piggly Wiggly \$25/\$50

Subway \$10

Target \$25

Walgreens \$25

Walmart/Sams Club \$25/\$100

Weyauwega Dairy Bar \$5

Woodman's \$50/\$100

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

"The Path of Life" Psalm 16:11b

**A Celebration of Life
In Song & Praise with an
Inspirational Message**

Wednesday, May 30th 6:30 PM

Featuring Singer & Songwriter

Heather Ruesch

Speaker on Life Issues & Family Values



A freewill offering
will be taken to
benefit the Waupaca
Pregnancy
Information Center.

This is a multigenerational Women's
Event – All women ages middle
school & up are invited.

Mothers-Daughters-Grandmothers

We are Sisters In Christ

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Meeting

March 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mike Abraham. Pastor Pope opened with a prayer.

Roll Call: Mike Abraham, Pastor Pope, Lorraine Zeichert, Sandy Smith, Phil Lewin, Kim Delwiche, Kirk Delwiche, Ken Rothe and Kimberly Wachs.

Minutes: The minutes of February 21, 2012 were reviewed. A **motion** was made by Kirk Delwiche, second by Ken Rothe to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed. A **motion** was made by Phil Lewin, second by Kirk Delwiche to accept the treasurer's report as presented. **Motion** carried.

Acceptance of New Members: Cindy Rohan by profession of faith. A **motion** was made by Phil Lewin, second by Ken Rothe to accept her as a member. **Motion** carried.

Transfers of Members: None

Pastor's Report: Two different individuals have looked at the stained glass windows and said that the leading is good but some caulking is needed. The LCEF offers a free walk thru of the church building to check for structural soundness, such as the Bell Tower, we would pay for mileage. Pastor will call the LCEF for more information. Pastor brought up giving Nadia, who is giving the presentation on Muslims on the 25th some money for gas. A **motion** was made by Kirk Delwiche, second by Ken Rothe to give her \$100.00 in gas cards. **Motion** carried. Ladies Day in May expenses to come out of the Neuschafer Fund. It was decided that the Elders would take the leadership role in having coffee ready on Sunday mornings until Ken Abhold returns.

Elders Report: There are 9 envelope boxes yet to be taken care of. They will go over the communion list at their next meeting. Tomorrow the elders will be serving pizza for Lent Supper. The elders have taken over the duties for Ken Abhold until he returns.

Trustee's Report: We need to make sure that we are conserving energy any way we can. Roger Schreiber will be installing motion sensors for lighting in some areas of the church.

Board of Education: Day Care is doing very well. Sandy Smith will be organizing Vacation Bible School this year.

Stewardship/Evangelism: Kim Delwiche will be taking care of ordering envelopes early to save money.

Old Business: Gutter update-KSGS Seamless Gutters to install at a cost of \$1260.00, Great Lakes to give us a quote on a gutter apron to connect to carport gutters.

The Long range planning committee to meet after 2nd service on a Sunday after Easter. Kim Delwiche is continuing to work on the proof for the plaque for the Carport. A vacuum cleaner for the custodian was discussed. A **motion** was made by Kirk Delwiche, second by Lorraine Zeichert to purchase a Hoover bag less at a cost of \$315.59, Phil Lewin will order it. **Motion** carried.

New Business: Conversion of the heating system was discussed. Budgeting figures from Central Temp was \$36,000-\$40,000 and Mechanical Tech was \$50,000-\$100,000 which will be brought up at the Quarterly meeting in April.

A request for support was brought to the church by Bob and Penny Selle for a trip to Nicaragua where eye exams and glasses are being offered where witnessing stations will also be set up. It was determined that they could come and do a presentation to the congregation; we would publicize and set up a basket for donations. Mike Abraham will let them know the decision.

The security of the scrip was discussed. A **motion** was made by Ken Rothe, second by Phil Lewin to get a safe to be bolted to the floor in the office at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. **Motion** carried.

A smart board presentation was made by Pastor to show the benefits of this new technology.

A **motion** was made by Phil Lewin, second by Ken Rothe to adjourn. **Motion** carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Kimberly Wachs - Secretary

Camp Luther News



VOLUNTEER AT CAMP LUTHER!

Join us for a Spring Workbee Weekend, May 18-20 or just call to set up another time to volunteer. Workbees are great fun for adults and families. Workbee runs from Friday evening through Sunday lunch. Its FREE and its a great way to give back as a family and help children learn about Christian service. Join us this year! Register at www.campluther.com.

REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!!

Visit www.campluther.com/summer to register online or watch our video!! Camp Luther has an exciting summer planned for children K-12. Registrations are pouring into Camp, so register now to get the village you want on the week you want. "Witness" from Acts 1:8 is our theme for this summer!! *Struggling financially this year? Ask about our Campership program.*

EXPLORER SUMMER CAMP FOR GRADES 1-3!!

Explorer Camp is designed to ease the transition for campers who have completed grades 1, 2 or 3 to come to Camp Luther on their own before they are ready to stay for a whole week. This weekend program includes activities like: parachute games, swimming, arts and crafts, songs, Christian Growth, campfire devotions, and more!

THIRD ANNUAL HAPPY CAMPER 5K TRAIL RUN

Saturday, May 26. This is a beautiful and challenging course through the trails of Camp Luther. You will run along two lakes and up and down many hills in this exciting, winding course. Join us whether you are in it to win it, or just want to enjoy our beautiful Camp Luther!! The Kids Fun Run will follow. Register by May 12 to receive a free t-shirt! Or you can register the day of the event. Register online with Tortoise and Hare Race Management at www.thtiming.com, or download a printable PDF form at www.campluther.com.

FATHER/SON AND MOTHER/DAUGHTER CANOE ADVENTURES!!

Relish some one on one time with your son or daughter this summer and experience an adventure together. The Father/Son or Mother/Daughter Canoe Adventures are designed for just that! Take time away from the rat race and distractions of life, experiencing God's creation in all its beauty together. And what better time to share faith and fellowship with that special child that is growing up way too quickly!! **The adventures run August 9-12!!** Register at www.campluther.com.

Camp Luther is a ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS. Our mission is to build up the Body of Christ for service to the church and witness to the world.

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May



May 1 – Violet Koepp
May 2 – Elaine Abraham, Elizabeth Smith
May 3 – Jeanette Thorne
May 5 – Abigail Kamenske, Joshua Oehlke
Betty Toepke, Sariya Williams
May 6 – Ronald Erdmann, Stacy Struck
May 9 – Robin Lathrop
May 10 – Debra Lochowitz
May 11 – Reilly Claassen, Robert Kiekhafer
May 12 – Robert Kramer, Andrew Zeinert
May 13 – Joyce Johnson
May 14 – David Koepp
May 16 – Mackenzie Oehlke
May 17 – MacKenzie Hansen, Madison Hansen
Morgan Hansen, Nancy Wendtland
Theresa Wohlrabe
May 18 – Carlie Akey
May 19 – Delores Boyson, Pastor Pope
Jamie Wohlrabe
May 20 – Susan Borchardt, Paul A. Hartrick
Virginia Niemuth, Kristine Olson
May 22 – Harvey Zeinert
May 23 – Abby Kessler, Cynthia Porter
Jodi Zeichert
May 24 – David Looker
May 25 – Marlyn Genske, Bonnie Zeinert
May 26 – Jessicah Bartel
May 27 – Brooke Weissahn
May 29 – Olivia Kester
May 30 – Alice Kester

May 1 – David & Crystal Strasse
May 3 – Roy & Dolores Dikkers
May 5 – John & Sally Hartfiel
May 6 – Bill & Angie Hansen
May 10 – John & Elizabeth Kettner
May 16 – Dodge & Leah Brooks
Roger & Holly Schreiber
May 18 – Jack & Sharon Wohlt
May 19 – Brian & Courtney Williams
May 26 – LeRoy & Lola Schroeder
May 30 – Lincoln & Ashley Loehrke

Serving the Lord ...

May 6 & 13

Greeters 1st – Dodge & Leah Brooks
2nd – JoAnn Kelln

Ushers 1st – Dodge & Leah Brooks
Mike Abraham, Ron Ehlke
2nd – Doug Ehrenberg, Matt Looker
Kevin Miller, Seth Miller

May 20 & 27

Greeters 1st – Levan & Betty Toepke
2nd – Dan & Diane Kohl Family

Ushers 1st – Levan Toepke, Roy Toepke
Jerry Witkowski, Jerry Zeichert
2nd – Dan Kohl, Eric Kohl
Peter Kohl, Ron Kester

ACOLYTES

May 6 – 1st – Sommer Harris
2nd – Cadyn Ehrenberg

May 13 – 1st – Trevor Flease
2nd – Tatem Williams

May 20 – 1st – Quentin Borremans
2nd – Taylor Flease

May 27 – 1st – Amber Wicker
2nd – Hailey Krause

St. Paul Child Care-Preschool Newsletter

May, 2012



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Little Learners Teacher: Nan Young

School Age Teachers: Nancy Bleck, Jane Freer, Renee Peters

Child Care Teachers: Shelly Kohl, Donna Krenke

Substitute Teachers: Lori Gabrielson, Carlie Akey Child Care Assistants: Peggy Schilling, Kris Hempel, Terry Fischer

Calendar

- May 23 6:30 PM End-of Year Preschool & Little Learners Program
- May 24 Last Day of M, TH Preschool-Child Care Continues 6AM-6PM Monday thru Friday
- May 25 Last Day of T,W,F Preschool-Child Care Continues 6AM-6PM Monday thru Friday
- May 28 Memorial Day-Child Care Center Closed
- May 29-June 1 Child Care 6AM-6PM
- June 4 Summer Program Begins (6AM-6PM Monday thru Friday)

Parent Surveys

Please return your surveys by Monday, May 7. We welcome all suggestions for ways that we can better serve our families. *Our mission at St. Paul's Child Care Center is to boldly and joyfully reach out in service to families of our community by providing a Christian care option for their children.*

ST. PAUL CONGREGATION—WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT OUR CHILD CARE MISSION

We invite you to support our mission by donating snacks. All types of crackers and cereals are always needed. The items may be put in the basket by the round table in the fellowship hall.

ST. PAUL CHILD CARE CENTER SUMMER PROGRAM 2012



PRESCHOOL



SCHOOL AGE -Sports & Fitness