

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/15/20

Family Bible Hour – Today in the gym after the Voters’ meeting we continue with our unit on parables entitled “Story Time with Jesus.” We will wrap up the Bold Friend in Luke 11 and begin the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl from Matthew 13.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program - St. Paul’s Lutheran School is a participant in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). This is a program designed to assist families who desire private schooling for their children but would benefit from financial assistance.

Families who meet income and residency requirements are eligible to receive a tuition voucher from the state to attend St. Paul’s Lutheran School. No tuition is charged to the family. Children receive a high quality, Christian education.

Any student entering 4K, Kindergarten, or 1st grade is eligible to apply for the WPCP. Students transferring from the public school system, or out of state, or homeschool education, may apply at any grade level. If you have any questions about WPCP, please contact Principal Marohn.

Coronavirus Approach - While we are listening to what is happening across our country and world - and take health matters seriously - we plan to regularly meet together for worship and celebrate the sacraments. We will continue to monitor the situation and implement healthy measures accordingly. In line with this, we will forego shaking hands at the end of the services for the time being.

Mindful Moms - We meet every Wednesday at 10 am. On March 18, we will learn about Dinosaurs. We will continue our study on the Lord’s Prayer on March 25. Child care is provided during the study.

LWMS Mission Rally - The Rally will be held on April 25th starting at 8:30am at Trinity (Liberty). A light lunch will be provided. This year’s presenters are Aaron Wakeman who is the Director of Friends of China, another presenter is Nathan King who is a former Friends of China missionary. All are invited.

Memorial Gift - A memorial of \$200 was given to the Altar Guild by the Robert Laack Memorial.

Community Evangelism Opportunity! The Evangelism committee has a large list of new neighbors that have already received a postcard about our church from the New Mover Mailer program. We are looking for St Paul’s members who are willing to visit a few of their new neighbors and tell them a little bit about us or just invite them to visit. It is very likely that there are a few in your neighborhood! There are handouts available for anyone interested. Please contact one of the committee members for more information. Committee Chairman: Nick Schmidt nschmidt0613@gmail.com or New Mover Mailer list coordinator: Brittney Stromski softballbritt19@gmail.com. Our first spring canvassing event is happening on Saturday April 18th. We will be meeting in the church parking lot to coordinate at 9:30 and plan to go until noon. Any member is welcome to come along!

Easter Flowers - It is time to start thinking about spring and Easter. Last year our sanctuary was decorated with plants purchased by our congregation members. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex along with the prices for each type of flower. You can also purchase one in memory of a loved one and it will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Eileen Perronne will also be around to answer any questions you may have, you can also call Eileen with any questions (920-838-4307).

Technology Presentation - Keeping up with technology is a challenge for parents. What should be allowed and what shouldn’t? How do we allow for our children to grow up in the digital age they

will live in and yet protect them from temptation and harm? With these questions in mind, St. Paul's PTF is sponsoring a technology presentation for parents. Mr. Martin Spriggs, the WELS Chief Technology officer, will be presenting on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30pm here at St. Paul's. There is no cost for the presentation. Volunteer child care will be provided. Bring a friend!

COMFORT GIVERS – *Galatians 6:2 NIV: Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.* God has comforted us by carrying our burdens when we were hurting. Now we have an opportunity to do for others as He has done for us. We who are filled with compassion when a Christian brother or sister is hurting have become moved to action. When feelings of aloneness and/or loss become too much to handle alone, wouldn't it be comforting to know there are others who have gone through similar situations (such as loss of a spouse, child [pre-birth of later], close friend, etc., maybe a serious diagnosis from the doctor, or enduring the struggles of caring for a special needs child or family member with dementia or Alzheimer's) and are willing to share their own experiences and could be of help. We will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the commons area of church for discussion and prayer. For those seeking a chance to talk one-to-one in confidence when the need is felt can contact someone from a call list of people willing to take time to listen. If this seems like something that interests you, contact either Sheila Edler or Linda Hamann.

Lent Wednesdays - For the next three Wednesdays we will review our Savior's suffering and death at 6:30 pm Lent services. These worship services will follow the theme "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Pastors from our WELS Sheboygan River Circuit will rotate through the various churches. We praise God for the fellowship we share with these congregations in our area.

The Church Council Has Set a Voters' Meeting for today March 15 at the beginning of the Bible Study hour. This is in line with the last Voters' meeting which approved shifting Luther Curia to a Staff Ministry focus. Now a job description has been carved out for him which is complementary to the work of the pastors. [That job description is available to all at the secretary's office.] We plan to call Mr. Curia at the meeting.

At the same meeting we plan to call Mr. Greg Johnson to be our Assistant Principal. His duties would be administrative: managing the Choice program, the Special Needs program, research the International Student Program, and oversee the staff health insurance and HRA. We will also call Mrs. Ann Marohn to renew her 1-year call for 4k teacher. [When she finishes her Synod Certification, her call can become permanent.]

Following the call meeting will be our regular Bible class.

Summer Camp Registration - Culinary Camp, Volleyball Camp, Gardening Camp and Art! Please mark **June 22-26**, 2020 on your calendars. This is for 5-8 graders. A congregational email went out with registration info. If you missed it or would like further information, please contact Pastor Mueller.