



St. Paul's EPISTLE

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Jesus Christ, 33 of Nazareth

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.



Jesus Christ, a descendent of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, his devoted mother.

Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by his mother Mary, his faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of his adult life working as a teacher. Jesus occasionally worked as a medical doctor, and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of his death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was noted for telling parables about his Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before his death, he held a last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which he foretold his death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

It has now been reported that he is alive, raised from the dead after three days in the grave. In lieu of sending flowers, you are invited to join in a celebration of his resurrection. Services are at 7:00 & 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 1. You are also invited to join with other disciples for breakfast in between the services.

God's House.
Your Home.

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**Sunday worship
at 9:00am**

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Waiting for the Lord

by Garth Perry

I am still confident
of this: I will see the
goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be
strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

– Psalm 27:13-14

“Patience is a virtue.” How many times have you heard or said that cliché? It may be overused or even abused, but it truly is a Christian virtue. Galatians 6:22-23 says, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” It is difficult for us to be patient with all the changes that are happening in our congregation. There is much uncertainty – maybe even some doubt. Some may be thinking to themselves, “Why is God allowing this to happen in our congregation?” I personally think this is an opportunity for us to trust and rely more fully on Christ. Perhaps we have become complacent in our religious life.

We need to not only be patient, but also be an example of patience for others. We need to trust that God is in control and will provide the right people at the right time. We need to assure each other that everything is under God’s guiding hand. Jesus is a perfect example of patience. His followers were sometimes thickheaded and slow to believe weren’t they? They followed Jesus and heard all that He said and still did not understand that Jesus had to die for the sins of the whole world. We may be tempted to forget that God is faithful to His promises. He will never leave us or forsake us. Let’s be patient and put our trust in God, and let’s encourage each other to be patient as well.

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We are still patiently waiting for the Lord to send us a Lead Associate Pastor, a Principal/Teacher, a Childcare Director/Teacher, and a 3rd-4th grade Teacher. Mrs. Elizabeth Roecker accepted the call to serve as our Kindergarten Teacher. She has been working part-time in our school the last couple of years providing our principal time away from the classroom to take care of administrative duties. We are thankful for the Lord sending her to us and know she will make a wonderful addition to our called staff!

Another Opportunity To Give

Dear Members of St. Paul’s,

My name is Alyssa Antoniewicz. I currently go to school at Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter, WI. I have been chosen to be a part of the Wausau Area High School Leadership Program, which is a program that trains teens from Wausau area high schools how to be leaders in all aspects of their life. In order to graduate from this program, teams that were chosen at our first meeting must complete a community service project in Marathon County. My team has chosen to take items to the Wausau Women’s Community. In order to get supplies, my teammates and I are taking boxes to local businesses and churches with the wish list of the Women’s Community posted on them. I have put one at St. Paul’s as I think it would be a great help to our team. It will be there through the end of March. Thank you all for taking the time to read this and God bless.

Alyssa



Missionaries Visit Rib Mountain

The Spring Mission Rally is coming up on Saturday, April 21 at Mountain of the Lord Lutheran Church in Rib Mountain. You will hear about one of our home missions, Illumine Lutheran Church in Rock Hill, SC from their pastor, Kent Reeder. In addition, Hannah Wendland will share her experiences growing up in an African mission.

Both men and women of all ages are invited to the rally, which is organized by the Wisconsin River Valley Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). Two changes have been made to the rally to improve your experience. First, the LWMS business meeting is moved to the afternoon, so we can launch right into the primary focus of the rally - learning about and supporting our missions. And in order to fit both speakers into the morning session, registration and fellowship is reduced to a half hour. You can start checking in at 9:00 a.m., and the rally begins at 9:30 a.m. There is a \$3.00 registration fee, and freewill offerings will be taken to support missions and to pay for the lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kuehl at donnak24@gmail.com or 715-241-7212.



Illumine Lutheran Church
in Rock Hill, SC

Treadle Sewing Machines Needed for Haiti.

Since the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, which killed over 100,000 people, our WELS Haiti mission has worked with many orphans and poor families with many children. Today in Haiti, when an orphan living in an orphanage reaches 18 years of age, Haitian law dictates that they leave the orphanage. As most orphans have not learned any marketable skills, many young women fall into prostitution and many young men fall into criminal activity to generate some income.

Through a generous donation from a sister Lutheran synod of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC), our WELS Haiti mission has recently constructed two large classrooms to create a Lutheran sewing institute and community center. Both women and men will learn to sew in order to support themselves. The center will be open for people to both learn how to sew and, for a very nominal fee, rent time on a machine to complete a sewing project. Even more importantly, everyone coming to the center will come in contact with the life-changing gospel message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. The sewing institute and community center are designed to be outreach tools to an area surrounded by Vodou temples.

As there is no reliable electricity in the area of Haiti where we work, we need to use treadle sewing machines – the kind your grandmother or great grandmother may have used for sewing! If you have an old treadle sewing machine that you could donate to our Haiti Lutheran sewing institute and community center, please contact us through your pastor! We can arrange to pick up your old machine. The donation may also be tax deductible. Thank you, brothers and sisters!



In Christ,
Missionary Terry Schultz
Coordinator for Haiti, WELS World Missions

Vo·dou (voo'doo)

A religion of West African origin practiced chiefly in Haiti, based on the idea that spirit inhabits all things. It also involves magic and elements of Roman Catholic ritual. They believe in a supreme God and a large number of local deities, deified ancestors, and saints, who communicate with believers in dreams, trances, and ritual possessions.

School News



Preschool News – by Mrs. Hannah Mueller

We are hoping that March continues to bring warmer weather! We've been enjoying the ability to go outside more often! This month we've been working on counting and identifying written numbers, sorting and matching, and learning that Jesus is the real reason we celebrate Easter. He loved us so much that he died on the cross to save us from our sins and rose again on Easter morning.

We have a lot coming up in April! We will be performing, *The Gingerbread Man*, with the Kindergarten class as part of St. Paul's Got Talent on Friday, April 13th. Also, save the date for April 19th. We will have a local artist come to school to work us through an art project as part of the National Association of Educating Young Children's, Week of the Young Child.

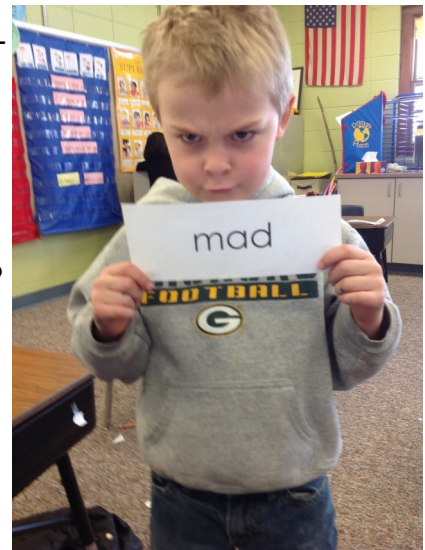
Kindergarten News – by Mrs. Trisha Engelbrecht

Can you feel the anticipation building? In our room it's not about March Madness. It's not about Spring Break. It IS about Friday the 13th! Why? Because that is the date for St. Paul's Got Talent!

This year the littlest performers will be featured in "The Tale of the Gingerbread Man". This classic from 1875 was featured in a children's magazine. You had to read each month to see who the gingerbread man would meet next to find out his fate. Since you are all clearly too youthful to have experienced this tale, come see what happens when our little ones take the stage.

And since I have more room, I can tell you even more...our class is really going places. For example, we went on a trip to Riverview to learn that the hospital doesn't have to be a scary place. As a side benefit, we also learned about staying healthy, killing germs, our skeletal system, and the tools of the trade at the hospital. And, to top it off, they let us have surgical masks, hats, and band-aids to practice our skills at home.

On April 6th we will be going places again. This time we are headed to Northland Lutheran High School for their "Planting the Seed" day. We will be joining the other Kindergarten, First and Second grade classes in the area to learn two different ways of "planting the seed". I bet you may have a good guess! This field trip is well timed. We are just starting our growing unit on parts of a plant and what seeds need. (Mostly patience...lots and lots of patience.)



Jackson illustrates a word for the class.

School News

1st-2nd Grade News – by Mrs. Karen Obsuszt

The 3rd quarter is coming to an end. The 1st and 2nd graders have taken a liking to storytelling. Usually during snack time, I would read a story to them. One day, one of my students asked to tell a story to the class. Now I have a list of names seven long on the white board waiting to tell a story to the class during snack time. The class seems to love it. We even took a vote on if they wanted to continue telling stories, and they did. I love listening to their amazing imaginations. They often have the whole class laughing.

Another new addition to our room is our vocabulary hopscotch. If the students are all done with their work, then they can do vocabulary hopscotch. Each space on the hopscotch has a vocabulary word with a number from 1-6 on it. They roll a foam dice and whatever number they roll is the word they have to say before they can do the hopscotch. They seem to really like this station in the room.

On April 6th, Northland Lutheran High School has invited the Kindergarten through 2nd grade for Plant the Seed Day. We will be participating with other grade schools learning about a brief lesson on seeds and how they grow with reference to God's word and our faith. The students will have an opportunity to actually plant a seed in the Northland's garden.

3rd - 4th Grade News – by Mr. Jon Engelbrecht

It has been an exciting month in the 3rd and 4th grade classroom. The 4th graders are tackling long division with zeroes and remainders. They are also working on fun things like mean, mode, median and range. The 3rd graders are having fun plowing through their multiplication facts. We are also wrestling with money and subtraction across zeroes. We have also made strides in the English department as direct objects have been hounding the students for the last month. It won't be long before the pesky indirect objects join them.

Most importantly, we are preparing for Holy Week. As we get closer, it is important for all of us to keep our focus on the cross. With Spring Break happening next week, it will be easy to lose a little focus. But, we are reminded daily of the need for a Savior, especially one who perfectly followed God's law as a payment for our sins.

When we come back from Holy Week and Spring Break, we will start the home stretch, the 4th quarter. Please continue to pray for the school as we work our way through the last two months of the school year. Also, keep praying for the teachers we have called as we wait for their decisions. We trust God will provide and His plan will soon be evident! I pray all of you have a most blessed Easter!

ST. PAUL'S GOT TALENT

Friday, April 13

At 6:30 p.m.

Children's Opera:
The Tale of the
Gingerbread Man



Musical Talents
Science & History Displays



School News

5th-6th Grade News – by Mr. John Quint

As the end of the 3rd quarter approaches, we look forward to a busy remainder of the school year. On Friday, March 23rd, we'll be traveling to Northland Lutheran High School for the annual Academic Challenge. Each student participates in three of the following events: science, math, geography, spelling, and musical performance (piano, instrumental, or vocal). Each student also submits one or more art projects to be judged. All students also participate in a Bible knowledge event called Bible Bowl. Teams compete directly with teams from other schools in a Jeopardy! style game.

When we return from Spring Break, we'll be participating in the Northland Grade School Track Meet, we'll be going to the Dells for our annual Safety Patrol Field Trip, and we'll squeeze in a classroom field trip to the House on the Rock in Spring Green as well.

In the classroom, in Regional Studies, we continue our study of the states (only 2 left plus the territories!) and are also doing a brief overview of American History. We're studying the properties of sound and light in science.

7th-8th Grade News – by Mr. Randy Pahl

Hello and welcome to "March Madness"! The 7th and 8th grade students are convinced it is appropriately named because there are so many activities taking place (or will take place) that it could actually drive one "mad". As we pen this article, there are still preparations being made for several upcoming events which include: the 5th-8th grade spelling bee and the annual academic challenge held up at Northland Lutheran High School. Also, our basketball season drew to a close on February 24th as St. Paul's finished in 2nd place with a 3-1 record at the NLHS Grade School Tournament. A huge thank you to Ms. Jessica Kruger and Mrs. Chelsie Thuecks for coaching our student/athletes again this year!!!

In the classroom, our Christ Light lessons find their focus on helping us better understand our role as young people within a Christian family. History class has found us continuing our study of the presidents, specifically #15-20 (do you recall their names?). In science class we've been studying genetics and reproduction – mitosis and meiosis. In math we have not clashed on symbols of inclusion or operations involving integers. And, finally, in algebra class we have been involved with adding or subtracting fractions with binomial denominators.

In addition to all of the above, by the end of March we will be in the midst of Spring Break and have reached the conclusion of the third quarter. It is hard to fathom that we are just two months shy of our 8th grade students leaving our school family. It is even more difficult to fathom that our Savior would shed His precious blood to save sinners like us! As we journey through this season of Lent, may His great sacrifice always be on our hearts and in our minds. And, finally, may the joy of the EMPTY TOMB remind us that because Jesus lives, we too will one day live eternally with Him in heaven! A most happy and blessed Easter to you all!!!



Because He lives,
we too will live!

Special Gifts and Memorials

Through March 18, 2018

Current

- In memory of Judy Stensberg's brother, Joey Roth, given by Sue Bobrowski and Gary & Judy Stensberg
- In memory of Carol Newsom's husband, Larry, given by Huntz & Marilyn Link, Gary & Judy Stensberg, Randy & Pat DeBoer, Stephanie Bathke, Inge Johnson, and Larry & Veronica Klish
- In memory of John Lemke & Cheryl Woltman given by Sue Bobrowski

Cheerful Givers

- In memory of Lillian Tenpas given by Ron & Georgene Provost, Jack & Pat Fluno
- In memory of Judy Stensberg's brother, Joey Roth given by Ron & Georgene Provost
- In memory of Ken Heiser given by Jack & Pat Fluno
- In memory of Carol Newsom's husband, Larry, given by Barb Manz, Kathy Jackson, Sue Bobrowski, Anita Simeson, Betty Prebbanow, Herb & Carol Jackson, Mary Kuse, Charlotte Carlson, Pat Schade, Terry & Helen McAuley, Jim & Jeanne Jackson, Joan Hafermann, Mike & Judy Anderson, and Marilyn Foley
- In memory of Cheryl Woltman given by Mike & Judy Anderson, and Ron & Georgene Provost
- In memory of John Lemke given by Mike & Judy Anderson, and Jim & Jeanne Jackson

School

- In memory of Carol Newsom's husband, Larry, given by Vernon & Betty Meyer and Tom & Barb Reitz
- In memory of Cheryl Woltman given by Steve & Brenda Altmann, Tom & Gayle Bartlett, and Tom & Barb Reitz
- In memory of John Lemke given by David & Theresa Mueller and Tom & Barb Reitz
- Ernie Paulos' mother, and Judy Stensberg's brother given by Tom & Barb Reitz

Mortgage

- In memory of Carol Newsom's husband, Larry, given by Lois Wittrock and Bill & Cynde Joosten

St. Paul's Student Assistance Fund

- In memory of John Lemke, Cheryl Woltman, and Carol Newsom's husband, Larry, given by Edna & Faith Haferman

Missions

- In memory of Judy Stensberg's brother, Joey Roth, and Carol Newsom's husband, Larry given by Bill & Elaine Wittrock

Hospitality Committee

- In memory of Lillian Tenpas given by Doug Tenpas & Family

Stephen Ministry

- In memory of Susie Dempze's care-receiver* given by Susie Dempze and Cindy Hiles

* In Stephen Ministry, the person receiving counseling is referred to as a care-receiver, and the counseling is kept confidential. If you would like to know more about one-on-one counseling, please contact Pastor Baur at 715-421-1424.

Counting Our Blessings

- Because Jesus lives, we too will live
- God is in control.
- Missionaries
- Electricity
- Warmer weather!
- The God-given talents of our students



With the Lord
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Upcoming Events

ST. PAUL'S GOT TALENT
Friday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
Sunday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m.

PASTOR BAUR'S FAREWELL
Sunday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m.



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