



St. Paul's EPISTLE

August 2014 edition

God Knows Our Knees!

by Pastor Douglas

“Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—
all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal
and all whose mouths have not kissed him.”
1 Kings 19:18

“What’s wrong with you?” “Grrrrrrr....” “What is wrong with you?”
“Grrrrrrrrrrr.....awwwrrrrrrrrr....arrrrggghh!” Frustration at our house usually
plays out in the conversation just illustrated. My wife plays the loving caring
spouse...and I play the caveman. Actually, I play Elijah pretty well too.

The LORD spoke the words above to a frustrated, scared and disappointed
Elijah. He had just had a great victory over the prophets of Baal (remember
the fire from heaven, altar and offering consumed, prophets of Baal put to
death). But, then came a threat from wicked Queen Jezebel. Like the wicked
witch of the west she basically promised Elijah, “I’ll get you and your little dog,
too.” But Elijah didn’t have a dog...at least one that is mentioned in the Bible.
Elijah fled for his life to a cave on Mount Horeb. This is where the LORD
spoke to him.



Elijah pled his case, ***“I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have re-jected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”*** Hear the frustration? It has a deep and lasting impact on all it infects...even us.

We ask the same questions during the trials that the LORD sends our way.
We too want to question God, “Lord, why is this happening to me?” – as
though I am above such trials that the prophets and apostles faced. “Things
shouldn’t be happening this way!” – as though my temporary plans are on par
with God’s eternal plans. “I’m the only Christian around, and my life is the
most difficult” – as though the gift of Christian faith makes me morally aloof
from life’s troubles.

Such is not the case, not for Elijah and not for me. God does have an answer
for our frustrations. He knows our knees and the knees of those around us.

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Your Home.

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Sunday worship
at 8:00 & 10:30am

www.stpaulswr.org



Opening School Service

Tuesday, August 26
At 6:00 p.m.

School News by Jon Engelbrecht

Where has the time gone? School supplies are hitting the shelves, clothes are going on sale, and fall sports are starting to ramp up practice time. Before we look to the future, let us take a short look back at last year. We were blessed with 57 students at St. Paul's for the 2013-2014 school year. It was a true blessing to have each one of those children in our classrooms. We made some transitions in the classrooms as Mrs. Engelbrecht moved down to Kindergarten, Ms. Smith moved into 1st and 2nd Grade, and I took over teaching responsibilities in 3rd and 4th Grade. We added Smartboards to three classrooms as we increased our technology. It was a great year, and we thank the Lord for showering us with all these blessings.

As we look forward, there will be some new blessings. The first blessing we have received this summer is a Kindergarten enrollment of 12 students. Eight of those students came through our Little Lamb's Preschool program. There is still the possibility of two more students to enroll in Kindergarten. The Lord has also sent four new students and families to enroll at St. Paul's for the upcoming year. That means we have 16 new children in our school this year. This is a positive enrollment change of four students for next school year minus the graduates and students that have not re-enrolled. We thank the Lord for these new students.

As we go through the school year, the staff and school board will be looking at different aspects of school accreditation as we prepare for the accreditation process in the 2014-2015 school year. We thank all of you for the prayers and supporting comments that you have given us. These are needed and very much appreciated.

A Light
For My Path



Weekender Camp
Sept. 13-14

Register for Weekender Camp

Please come and join us for a weekend of fun at this year's Pioneer Weekender Camp on September 13 & 14 at Camp Alexander in Wisconsin Rapids. You are welcome to attend even if you have not been part of Pioneers in the past. This year's theme is "A Light For My Path". Activities start Saturday morning with checking in from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. The opening ceremony will start at 9:15 a.m. Some activities planned for the camp include: canoeing, crafts, nature, bible study, archery, sailing, singing and games.

Cabins are available for sleeping, but you may also bring your own camper or tent. Fees for camp are \$25.00 per person if you register by August 14. Any registrations received after that date will be \$30.00. A camp T-shirt is available for an additional \$8.00, but these MUST be ordered by Aug. 14. The whole family is welcome to attend, but we especially recommend and encourage the parents of kindergartners, 1st and 2nd graders to attend with their children. For more information about camp, please call Shelly Antoniewicz at 715-424-0505 or visit the church website www.stpaulswr.org.

Scrip Sales by Deb DeWilde

Going into the 2013-2014 fiscal year, there were some significant changes made to St. Paul's Scrip program. In the years before, the focus of the scrip program was helping families pay for school tuition. This focus remained in the new fiscal year, but the program added a second focus, the line of credit. The goal for the scrip program was to increase scrip sales to the point in which the return benefit to St. Paul's reached \$10,000. The goal of this increase was to generate more money to help pay off the line of credit loan.

The scrip program was blessed by our Lord by having an increase from \$3000-\$4,000 return benefit in the 2012-2013 fiscal year to \$13,831.66 return benefit in the 2013-2014 fiscal year. In essence, there was over a 300% increase in return benefits. The \$13,831.66 was divided in the following ways: \$7616.85 towards the line of credit, \$4782.02 towards family tuition, \$500.04 towards tuition assistance, and \$932.77 towards increasing on-hand stock for selling on Sunday mornings.

There were 92 families from St. Paul's that participated in the program. Sixty percent of the school families purchased scrip, and we have 12 families using the internet to purchase their scrip using Presto Pay. We thank our Lord for the blessings that He has poured into this program. We ask that he continue to bless the scrip program in the upcoming fiscal year. Finally, we encourage all members at St. Paul's to consider using scrip as we work together to pay down our line of credit loan.



to learn more about:
 Scrip Retailers
 PrestoPay
 ScripNow
 Reloadable Cards
 MyScripWallet

Metals 4 Ministry Guidelines

We DO take items made of:

Brass

Aluminum

Steel

Tin

Copper

Computer tower/hard drive



We do NOT take:

TIN CANS

Refrigerators

Freezers

Microwaves

TVs/computer monitors



As a courtesy to our volunteers please consider the following:

- If you have very small items e.g. nuts, bolts, silverware; please contain them in some way such as coffee cans or something else disposable that can withstand the weather – no cardboard boxes.
- **We are no longer accepting tin cans.** Please use your home recycling plan to dispose of them.
- Please consider cleaning non-metals off of metal items to the extent possible. Items donated should be at least 50% metal.

Funds earned from this recycling program are used to pay down debt at St. Paul's and Northland Lutheran High School. Your donations can be placed in the Metals 4 Ministry trailer at the south end of our parking lot.

Making Christian Education Available to All



Opening Service
Monday, Aug. 25
at 7:55 a.m.

Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) has two upcoming events which benefits their Tuition Assistance Fund. Northland's standing policy is that no one will be denied Christian education due to finances. The participants and sponsors of these events help provide the opportunity for young people to learn in a Christian family setting surrounded by God's representatives in a Christ-centered and integrated curriculum.

The first event is the **Wildcat Open Golf Outing** held at Indianhead Golf Course in Mosinee on Saturday, August 16. This is an 18-hole scramble. Participants can register as 4-person teams or as individuals. The fee includes a golf cart for the round, a meal, the opportunity to win prizes in a drawing, and hole prizes. This year's event will be fun for the family; in fact, students 18 and under can golf at a reduced rate. Registrations and sponsorships are encouraged by August 4; so get your team together, get your clubs out of storage, and get ready to hit the links.

The other event is the **8th Annual NLHS Run/Walk/Ride** held at and near the Northland campus on Saturday, September 6. The registration fee includes participation in any of three events--a 5K run/walk, a 1-mile run/walk, or a 15K bicycle ride--a t-shirt, and a meal. It's a great way for the whole family to spend a Saturday morning together--fun, fellowship, exercise, food, encouragement, and support for Christian education!

If you cannot participate in these events but want to support Northland's Tuition Assistance Fund, send your check to the school. A generous, anonymous donor is sponsoring a matching gift for a combination of the first 70 registrations/gifts for the Run/Walk/Ride.

The registration information for both of these events is available at www.nlhs.org or by calling the school (715-359-3400).

Online Courses Available for WELS Teens



Offering quality online
courses taught from a
Scriptural perspective!

Association of Lutheran High Schools (ALHS) Online offers online courses taught from a scriptural perspective for high school students. In order to assist those who do not attend a WELS high school, ALHS Online has developed a four-year high school religion curriculum that includes courses like Biblical Knowledge, Doctrine, How the Church Grows, and Life of Christ. Students can log into their courses at any time during the day or evening to access course materials, ask questions, contribute to discussion forums, and complete assignments. Registration is now open for fall courses.

ALHS Online was primarily developed to help the smaller WELS high schools expand their curricular offerings. For the 2014-15 school year, ALHS Online has expanded to 21 courses. New offerings include Multimedia Principals and Design, Human Relations, AP U.S. History, AP Psychology, Physical Science, Latin 2, Spanish 2, and German 2. To learn more about these courses or the other courses available through ALHS Online, visit <http://alhs.org>.

Fall registration closes on Aug. 15. Fall courses run from Aug. 27-Dec.18.

WELS Night at Miller Park

Be one of the several hundred WELS members at the Brewers game on Aug. 5. The Brewers are playing the San Francisco Giants at 7:10 p.m. Come early for the "meet and greet" from 5:00-7:00 p.m. WELS President Mark Schroeder, area of ministry administrators, school officials and a few world missionaries who are home on furlough will be there.

Discounted tickets in a block seating area are on sale through July 29. These tickets can be purchased online at www.brewers.com/wels. The Brewers are providing the tailgate grid space for the meet and greet near the pavilions. Park in the general parking lots (Uecker or Yount) and walk over.



Koiné Concert in Wausau

We invite you to join Mountain of the Lord Ev. Lutheran Church as they reach out to the community sharing the good news of Jesus through the music of *Koine'*. They are sponsoring *Koine'* in concert on the 400 Block in Wausau on Friday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public so bring your family and friends and enjoy a lovely summer evening praising our Lord in song!

Koiné has been at St. Paul's several times, but if you are unfamiliar with them you will enjoy their twist on traditional Christian hymns. The band originates in Milwaukee and has toured across 35 states since its inception. They have produced five studio albums and have a repertoire of over 250 hymns and liturgical pieces. This is a full-time ministry for the members of the group and is supported almost entirely by the generosity of people who come to their events. Hope you can attend!

End of Summer Camping Opportunities

Give your grandchildren a few GRAND days they will never forget!

Grandparents and grandchildren (grades K-up) can enjoy a half-week day camp, August 3-6, at Camp Phillip in Wautoma, WI. Adults and children can camp in the campground with your own equipment. (A limited number of cabins may be available.) The staff provides programs that encourage fellowship and interaction. Two lunches are included. There are also optional activities for adults during the day. Contact Camp Phillip at 920-787-3202 or visit www.campphillips.com to register.

Want one last memorable weekend with your family before school is in full swing?

Come to Fall Family Camp at Camp Phillips on Labor Day Weekend (Aug 29-Sept. 1). This camp provides the right ingredients to make a family vacation great: faith-building Bible studies, unforgettable games and activities and a relaxing outdoor atmosphere. There are options for all ages. The one low program fee allows you to participate in as many or as few programs as you like. Stay in cabins or camp in our campground. Every family is welcome. Contact Camp Phillip at 920-787-3202 or visit www.campphillips.com to register.

Counting our Blessings

- God hears our prayers
- our family of believers
- warm summer weather
- larger enrollment in our school
- camping opportunities
- scrip sales have exceeded expectations
- Metals 4 Ministry
- online learning opportunities
- Cheerful Givers passed the \$250K mark
- VBS volunteers
- God's amazing grace

God Knows Our Knees! continued from pg 1

In Elijah's case the LORD's answer was meant to bolster his weak knees. God had thousands of people who were facing the same ridicule and persecutions from wicked Queen Jezebel and the prophets of Baal...and they hadn't "caved" (pun intended). Elijah had fellow believers that were praying for him, supporting him and with him. He had run for nothing. His frustrations were from his imagination. God knew the knees of his people!

This very fact gives our knees and our hearts great comfort. The frustrations of this life that seem so huge, that seem like they will never go away are quickly outshone by God's wonderful reminder: "You have others who stand with you!" My friends, this is what gets me through those frustrating times in our ministry together. God's grace and his assurance that I have a family of believers who support this ministry give me the strength, the encouragement and the courage to face the frustrations of each day with fresh confidence!

I thank God for the presence of every one of you in our wonderful family of believers. I ask you to thank him for this wonderful family! It is his grace and your mutual labor and encouragement that helps me stop playing the role of the caveman that I have come to play so well! May God richly bless our lives and our ministry with his grace and may he always keep our knees strong by his grace throughout the frustrations of this world!

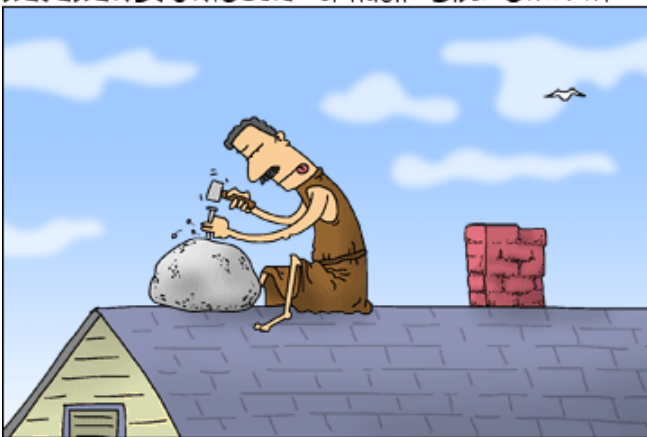
Members of our family of believers who have gone to live with the Lord recently:

- Joan Johnson
- Gary Fries
- Wally Johnson

Living a Joy-Filled Life

Join your Christian sisters for a day of fellowship and reflection on Saturday, Oct. 4! Celebrate your faith and attend a day of workshops focused on joy at Peace Lutheran of Loves Park, IL (about 20 minutes south of Beloit, WI). The cost is \$45 by Aug. 15 or \$50 by Sept. 1. This includes continental breakfast, lunch, and childcare. For more information or to register, visit www.peacelp.com.

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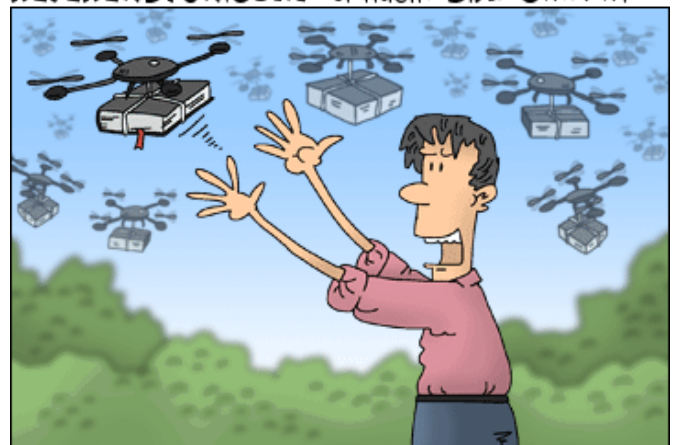


(See Matthew 7:24-27)

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THE WISE BUT CONFUSED MAN BUILDS HIS
ROCK UPON A HOUSE

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(See Matthew 28:19)

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GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

Special Gifts and Memorials

Given through July 13, 2014

Current Expenses

- In memory of Joan Johnson given by Vernon & Betty Meyer, Bill & Cynde Joosten, Donna Stensberg, Inge Johnson, Barb Manz, Donna Burgeson, and Bob & Joan Hafermann Sr.
- In memory of Don Prebbanow given by Donna Stensberg, Marilyn Link, Barb Manz, and Donna Burgeson
- In memory of Richard Wittrock given by Donna Stensberg, and Donna Burgeson
- In memory of Gary Fries given by Donna Stensberg, Barb Manz, and Donna Burgeson
- In memory of Wayne Dempze given by Barb Manz
- In memory of Shirley Lee given by Marilyn Link
- In memory of Wally Johnson given by Martin & Margaret Jackson, and Bob & Joan Hafermann Sr.
- In memory of Gary Fries given by Edna Haferman, Kathy Jackson, and Jack & Pat Fluno
- In memory of Shirley Lee given by Gil & Bev Pecher, and Carol Newsom
- In memory of Wally Johnson given by Edna Haferman, Dick & Linda Lucht, Edward Haferman, Mark & Hilde Henkel, Faith Haferman and Friends and Family

Pastor Teacher Assistance Fund

- In memory of Richard Wittrock given by Edna Haferman
- In memory of Joan Johnson given by Tom & Barb Reitz
- In memory of Gary Fries by Tom & Barb Reitz
- In memory of Don Prebbanow by Tom & Barb Reitz

Little Lambs

- In memory of Luverne Hetzel given by Bob Hetzel

Outdoor Sign Fund

- In memory of Gary Fries given by Carol Newsom, and Sue Bobrowski,
- In memory of Wally Johnson given by Carol Newsom, Ron & Georgene Provost, Stephanie Bathke, Darlene Fanning, Jack & Pat Fluno, Kathy Jackson, Dave & Kathy Klingforth, Anita Simenson, Hazel Pagel, Sue Bobrowski, Pat Schade, Mitzi Casey, Vernon & Betty Meyer, and Donna Stensberg
- In memory of Joan Johnson given by Ron & Georgene Provost, Pat Schade, Mitzi Casey, and Jack & Pat Fluno
- In memory of Shirley Lee given by Donna Stensberg

Press On Towards the Goal

- In memory of Wally Johnson given by Donna Burgeson, and Mike & Judy Anderson
- In memory of Joan Johnson given by Mike & Judy Anderson
- In memory of Gary Fries given by Mike & Judy Anderson
- In memory of Don Prebbanow given by Mike & Judy Anderson

Mortgage

- In memory of Don Prebbanow given by Carol Newsom, Bill & Cynde Joosten, Ron & Georgene Provost, and Stephanie Bathke
- In memory of Joan Johnson given by Carol Newsom, Stephanie Bathke, and Faith Haferman
- In memory of Gary Fries given by Ron & Georgene Provost
- In memory of Shirley Lee given by Ron & Georgene Provost
- In memory of Richard Wittrock given by Family & Friends

Cheerful Givers

- In memory of Al Leitner given by Jack & Pat Fluno
- In memory of Erv Carolfi given by Jack & Pat Fluno
- In memory of Don Prebbanow given by Hazel Pagel, Sue Bobrowski, Jim & Jeanne Jackson, Kathy Jackson, Edna Haferman, and Mark & Hilde Henkel
- In memory of Joan Johnson given by Hazel Pagel, Sue Bobrowski, Bill & Cynde Joosten, Edna Haferman, and Kathy Jackson
- In memory of Richard Wittrock given by Sue Bobrowski
- In memory of Jim Dempze given by Mike & Marilyn Foley



In the Mailbox

I want to thank you with all my heart for having the congregation pray for me in regard to selling my house. Less than one week later I received an offer on it and we are now involved in the closing process. I could not have done it without divine intervention.



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Important Dates to Remember

WELS Night at Miller Park—August 5

5:00pm Meet & Greet

7:00pm Game

Koine' on the 400 Block in Wausau

August 15 at 6:30pm

Wildcat Open Golf Outing


August 16 in Mosinee

First Day of School at NLHS

August 25

First Day of School at St. Paul's

August 27



**Vacation Bible School
for All Ages**
July 27-31
5:30-8:00 p.m.