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# ✝ St. Paul's Epistle ✝

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July 2011

"Reaching out with the love of Jesus"

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## First Words, Final Words, Words Worth Remembering

*by Pastor Baur*

From the very first words that are simply spoken, to the very last words we struggle to speak, with every single syllable in between, our words share a message. They communicate what we believe, how we feel, and what we think is important. Very often those first words are so important that they are written with ink in a baby book. They are quoted and referred to throughout life. And then there are the final words; even if they are never written down, they are imprinted in the minds of those who hear them. Sometimes those words are and loud and confident, other times they are quiet and filled with doubt. Sometimes they have the cuteness of youth and other times they have the hardness of age. The amount of words do not make them important, because too often there may not be much time or much strength. These words are chosen carefully. No time for long repetitive statements, rather, carefully chosen words, making every syllable count.

Have you thought about the final words that will come from your mouth? What legacy, what message will be spoken and remembered. Will it include Christ? Will your words contain comfort and confidence, will they anticipate being with Jesus forever? Will they be words of encouragement for your family and friends to hold on to Christian faith until the day of death? Some day you will have to speak those words and when you do, will your final words be worth remembering?

**“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.**

**– 1 Corinthians 13: 1**

In the meantime, what words will you speak to those whose first words and final words have impressed upon you the importance of Christian faith?

What final words would you share with such a person? Not long ago all seven of us siblings stood by the hospital bed of our Dad. One by one, we went up and shared our final words with him. We knew the end was near. As I stood waiting my turn, I was listening to my brothers and sister, but also contemplating my final words. What do you say to those who taught you to say Jesus? Which words does one speak in response to those who taught you the words of Jesus? What do you say to someone who will soon be with Jesus? How many words does it take to recount all the every day and eternal blessings gained? What final words does one speak? My final words were only few words, but they were heartfelt words “Thanks Dad, I love you.”

Love and thankfulness for all his first words, final words, and all the words in between. Words worth remembering.

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## Preparing for Fall at St. Paul's School

*by Mr. Jon Engelbrecht*

The faculty of St. Paul's sends their greetings this summer. We pray that all of you are enjoying the wonderful weather the Lord has provided this summer. There have been a few changes that have happened during the summer.

The biggest change is Alexandra Smith being called to teach Grades 3 and 4. After 24 years of teaching at St. Paul's, Mrs. Burow has stepped down from her teaching position. We thank the Lord for blessing her ministry at St. Paul's. We also thank Mrs. Burow for her love, dedication and care she gave to each of her students. Ms. Smith is a graduate from Martin Luther College this May. She grew up in Hortonville, WI, which is just west of Appleton. We welcome her, and ask the Lord to bless her ministry here at St. Paul's.

Ms. Smith will be installed as a teacher at St. Paul's on July 24, 2011, in the 10:30 service. We encourage all of you to attend this special day. This day will mark the beginning of Ms. Smith's teaching ministry. Not only is this an important day for Ms. Smith, but it is also special for St. Paul's and especially the families in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Another change this summer will be home visits. St. Paul's School Board has reinstated home visits by the teachers instead of school visits by the parents in early August. So, if you have a child in an odd numbered grade, expect your child's teacher to call in early August to schedule a visit. Home visits are half hour visits in which the child's teacher comes to the family home to discuss the

important aspects of the classroom. Home visits provide a comfortable location for parents to get to know their child's teacher better, learn the ins and outs of the classroom, and most importantly open a line of communication between home and school. We look forward to providing this valuable service.

On Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be holding the opening service for the school year. The service will begin at 6:30 and will last approximately a half hour. The students will be dismissed from the service with a blessing from Pastor Douglas. They will then go to their classrooms with their teacher and their backpacks. The classrooms will remain open until 8:00 after the service.

The theme for this school year is, "Fruits of the Spirit: Planted in Christian Hearts." The theme is based on Galatians 5:22,23a, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." We will take a close look at this verse throughout the school year in our chapel devotions. Each month we will focus on one of the fruits and how it applies to our lives. We invite you to join the children on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for chapel.

As a reminder, tuition assistance packets need to be turned in to the registrar by August 1<sup>st</sup>. That allows the registrar time to get the information ready for the August School Board meeting. Determination will be made at that meeting, and parents will be notified by the registrar of the assistance amount granted. These grants are made available through gifts given by the congregation to St. Paul's Student Assistance Fund.

The faculty prays this finds you well and getting excited for the upcoming school year. Enjoy the rest of your summer and any fun activities that you have planned.

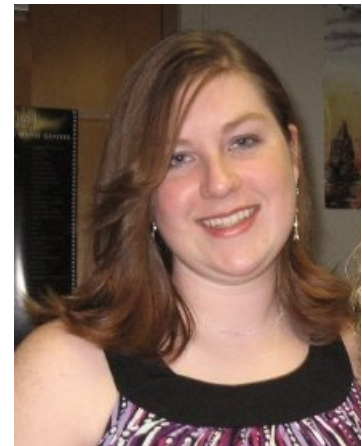
## Meet Our New Teacher: Miss Alexandra Smith

*by Hilde Henkel*

When classes begin St. Paul's students will be greeted by a new face teaching third and fourth grades: Miss Alexandra "Lexie" Smith.

Miss Smith is a native of Wisconsin, born in Hortonville and graduating from Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton before her studies at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm MN, where she graduated in May. She also gained experience with fourth grade students doing student teaching at David Star Lutheran School in Jackson, Wisconsin.

"I'm very excited to be here." said Smith, noting that she will also be helping with the library and music at St. Paul's. Her hobbies include reading and travel. She is the daughter of Sam and Darla Smith and has a brother Robert who is an engineer in Green Bay.



## A Time to Learn...

*by Pastor Douglas*

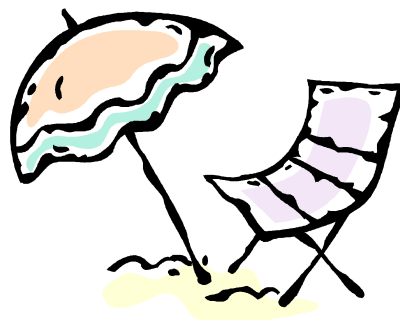
Wah wah, waaaaah wah wah wah waaaaaaaah. At least that is how Charlie Brown's teacher used to say it. St. Paul's is putting a lot of time and energy into re-starting an important ministry. That ministry is Sunday School between our worship services.

Now perhaps you are hearing Charlie Brown's teacher in your ears again. We don't want that. This new effort will be something different than the traditional Sunday School. Many ideas are being offered. We are confident Sunday School will be a great blessing for your children or grandchildren! Here are a few ways you can help:

- 1.) **PRAY & ENCOURAGE** – Pray that the LORD blesses our efforts and his Word as it is shared with young hearts. Encourage your family and friends to make use of this wonderful opportunity to for their children to hear the Word.
- 2.) **VOLUNTEER** – We need teachers for young and old, helpers and folks behind the scenes to help with craft project development and other tasks.
- 3.) **DON'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER** – Sometimes we feel that Sunday school isn't that important for our children, especially if they are attending a Lutheran elementary school. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our kids may not want to get up an hour earlier, they may not want to attend another class, encourage them and show them the importance of staying close to Jesus.

- 4.) **SET THE EXAMPLE** – Don't just drop your child off at Sunday School. Stay and learn with them in one of our Adult Bible Studies offered on Sunday morning.

We look forward to seeing your children each week. If you have any questions please speak with Garth Perry or John Antoniewicz. See you there!



## Preschool Teacher Needed!

Little Lambs Child Development Center is currently seeking a 3-year-old Preschool Teacher. Ms. Sarah Mikels who did a fabulous job teaching for us this past year is moving out of state. The hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. WELS membership as well as an early childhood degree or equivalent training, CPR & First Aid training are required. If you are interested, please call Mrs. Brook Hilber at 715-421-2634 ext. 15 or email her at [teachhislittlelambs@yahoo.com](mailto:teachhislittlelambs@yahoo.com). Applications can be found in our church office.

## Summer Time at Little Lambs

*by Mrs. Brook Hilber*

What's happening at Little Lambs Child Development Center for the Summer? Let's take a look and see.....

Lots of fun in the Sun has been happening. We have had lots of things to do despite the weather outside. Our garden has LOVED the rain and is growing very quickly. Come by anytime to visit and see the yummy fruits and veggies, pumpkins and gourds that with God's help we are growing. Some of the different things we have been doing this summer are: field trips to McMillan library for different shows, the zoo, swimming, a Rafter's tour and lunch with some of the players. We also are planning a trip to the Movie Theater and DQ.

Of course, Dairy Treat and IGA are right around the corner, and we have frequented there a few times. We have also tried our hand at making Piñatas, tie dying t-shirts, making our own restaurant and having a mini Little Lambs carnival. Of course, trips to Mead playground and Mead swimming pool are also daily occurrences as the weather allows, as well as visits to our own library and computer lab. We are also enjoying immensely our playground and sprinklers that we have been blessed with. Well, that's all for now from Little Lambs. Have a very blessed and warm summer.

## It's Time for Quality Time!

by Sarah Douglas

Starting this fall St. Paul's will be home of a new evening children's group! This new and innovative program for children ages 2-6 years old will provide the children with the powerful start in life they need, grounded in God's Word! This evening program will contain three basic elements: music, large and fine motor skill movement, and Bible stories.

Music will be taught through the Musikgarten curriculum. This curriculum uses Bible stories and truths set to music. Children are easily excited through the use of rhythm instruments, movement, and singing.

Play stations will be set up around the room to facilitate large and fine motor skill movement and fun. Centers will change often. A sandbox with trucks, water table with animals, artist easel and supplies, and grocery center are only a few of the centers children will use. A craft center will have a project that corresponds with the evening's Bible story.

The evening's activities will culminate with the Bible story. The children will learn the truths of God's Word through story-telling, acting, and puppets. These Bible truths are the foundation for a lifetime of learning about our Savior Jesus! Parents will also be given optional activities to do at home to reinforce the evening's lesson.

The program will take place two evenings a month from 6-7:30pm. More information will be coming in the bulletin and newsletters. A parent or caregiver is asked to attend with their child. Younger



siblings are also welcome to attend. It will be a wonderful opportunity for parents to socialize and work with their children at the

various centers. Please contact Sarah Douglas 715-697-4412 or [jed.sarah.emma@gmail.com](mailto:jed.sarah.emma@gmail.com) with any additional comments or questions. We are excited to share the truths of God's Word with our children through this new program!

### Items Needed

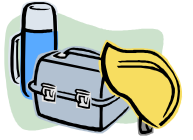
If you would like to donate or borrow any of the following to our program, it would be greatly appreciated! Perhaps your children have outgrown some of these, and you would like to see them put to good use again. Items may be brought to church or the Douglas' home. Thank you!

- Children's Table and Chairs or Picnic Table
- Floor Puzzles
- Wood Puzzles
- Empty Sandbox
- Children's Easel
- Easel Paper and Paints
- 2 Children's Painting Smocks
- Wood Train Set
- Plastic Aquatic Animals
- Trucks, Cars or Dinosaurs
- Magnet Sticks
- Bean Bag Toss Game
- Plastic Baby Doll
- Children's Workbench and Tools
- Beanbag Chairs
- Washable Stamp Pads and Stamps
- Construction Paper, Glue, and Markers
- Rhythm Instruments

## St. Paul's Aids a Young Congregation

On Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6, St. Paul's will serve and sponsor the noon meals for workers at Faith Lutheran Church's building site. This young congregation in Black River Falls is constructing their first church building. On Friday, we will serve spaghetti and meatballs, and on Saturday, Scalloped potatoes and ham. We need you to donate salads and desserts to accompany the meal. Please, do not use breakable containers as we have to transport these items back and forth in coolers.

If you want to be a part of the serving crew, please meet at St. Paul's by 10:00 a.m. that morning, and we will carpool together. For more information, please contact, Ron Provost at 715-424-1533 or Helen McAuley at 715-421-0823.



We are collecting school supplies for local, needy children through August 10. Drop off your donations in the church office.

## In the Mailbag

### Dear Friends in Christ,

We appreciate and thank you for your kindness, generosity and prayers given in behalf of Pastor R.N. Baur and family.

A week before his passing, all seven children were home to celebrate and early 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. What special time we spent together as a family, singing hymns, saying prayers, sharing memories, and also having the opportunity to say good-bye.

Almost the entire Baur clan of kids, spouses, thirty-two grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren were present at the funeral. We also thank colleagues, former parishioners, friends and relatives for being there. What a blessing it was as they arrived safely from around the country.

The beautiful message shared that day, and impromptu male choir of colleagues singing "Mude Bin Ich Gen zur Ruh" brought great comfort to many. Thank you for your time and effort.

We are thankful for everything each of you has brought into our lives and together we will miss our friend, my husband and our father. We rejoice with trumpets and cigars in the celebration as he joins fellow believers in heaven, and as he waits for all of us to join him in the Loving Hands of Jesus.

God be with you as you continue to serve Him and His kingdom.

Lyla Baur and Family

P.S. Thank you for your memorial given to WELS Home Missions in memory of R.N. Baur. It will help to further spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, something to which he dedicated his life. God bless you!

**On behalf of our entire family,** thank you for your cards, comfort and the compassion you have shared with us over the death of our Dads. What a blessing you have been to us as we experienced these losses to our family. God bless all of you.

Sharon and Martin Baur

## News of our Church Family

The Lord called home Ward Oldenburg at the age of 92. We remember with joy how he was a blessing in our lives. Please pray that his family finds comfort in the promises in God's Word.

Don't miss ...

### Super Summer Stamping Fun Day

Tuesday, July 26

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come for an hour  
or stay for the day!

Help make cards for to encourage other Christians. All materials and supplies will be provided.

Cinnamon rolls and coffee  
available.

## Treasurer's Corner

*by Tom Watson*

While our fiscal year ended on June 30, the final financial results for the 2010-2011 fiscal year have not yet been finalized. Preliminary results show a balanced budget with income and expenses being around \$1,169,000. This represents a reduction in income and expenses compared to the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

To balance the budget we reduced expenses by \$27,500 by reducing our donations to synod, and we increased income by transferring \$20,500 from dedicated accounts (land sale proceeds) to ministry plan income. Further details about the 2010-2011 Ministry Plan Budget will be provided in the year-end report.

With the 2011-2012 fiscal year starting, we have started sending synod and Northland High School weekly donations. We also paid bills related to payroll, i.e. health insurance premiums, pension contributions and 403(b) contributions. Bills tied to missions, payroll, mortgage and utilities will be paid first with other obligations held to the end of the month for payment.

While we need to get our financial house in order to support and protect our ongoing ministries and allow for continued expansion of those ministries it's just as important that our members offer their time and talents to support those ministries. With that in mind we pray for wisdom and direction from our Heavenly Father, so that we might all be good stewards of everything that He places in our care.

## Special Gifts & Memorials

*Gifts given through 6/26/11.*

### Current

- In memory of Wayne Lubeck given by Jerry & Barb Blum
- In memory of Ward Oldenburg given by Lois Utterback
- In memory of Pastor Baur's father, Rev. Ralph Baur, given by Darlene Fanning

### Mortgage

- In memory of June Miller given by Terry & Helen McAuley
- In memory of Pastor Baur's father, Rev. Ralph Baur, given by Sue Bobrowski, Don & Hazel Pagel, Ron & Georgene Provost, Don & Betty Prebbanow, Stephanie Bathke, Inge Johnson, Vernon & Betty Meyer, Wally & Kathy Jackson, Mark & Hilde Henkel, Marvin & Dorothy Raasch, Gloria Livernash, and Pat Schade
- In memory of Gladys Wussow given by George Hafermann, Helen Kroening, Wilmer & Donna Burgeson, Jack & Pat Fluno, Ron & Georgene Provost, Marvin & Dorothy Raasch, Don & Hazel Pagel, Carol Newsom, Sue Bobrowski, and Don & Betty Prebbanow
- In memory of Wayne Lubeck given by Jack & Pat Fluno, Ron & Georgene Provost, Helen Kroening, Marvin & Dorothy Raasch, George Hafermann, Barb Manz, Terry & Helen McAuley, Sue Bobrowski, Don & Betty Prebbanow, Edna Haferman, Ben & Clara Bottensek,

Gloria Livernash, Pat Schade and Bill & Cynde Joosten

- In memory of Barb Manz father, John Oestreich, and Jim Manz father, Walter Manz, on Father's Day given by Barb Manz
- In memory of Ward Oldenburg given by Ron & Georgene Provost, Helen Kroening, and Carol Newsom

### Missions

- In memory of Pastor Baur's father, Rev. Ralph Baur, given by Terry & Helen McAuley, Helen Kuhn, Donna Stensberg, Jerry & Barb Blum and Elmer & Dorothy Beyer

### St. Paul's School

- In memory of Wayne Lubeck given by Vernon & Betty Meyer
- In memory of Gladys Wussow given by Vernon & Betty Meyer

### Little Lambs

- In memory of Gladys Wussow given by Jim & Jeanne Jackson, and Gladys' family & friends

### "Press On Toward the Goal" Stewardship Campaign

- In memory of Pastor Baur's father, Rev. Ralph Baur, given by Mike & Judy Anderson

### Student Assistance Fund

- In memory of June Miller given by Gary & Judy Stensberg

### Altar Guild

- In memory of Pastor Baur's father, Rev. Ralph Baur, given by LaVern & Delores Becker

### Pastor Teacher Assistance Fund

- In memory of Pastor Baur's father, Rev. Ralph Baur, given by Ron & Georgene Provost, Ben & Clara Bottensek, Larry & Veronica Klish, Edna Haferman, Tom & Barb Reitz, Harvey & Naomi Pierce, Ellen Sabetta, Jim & Jeanne Jackson, and Jim & Susie Dempse
- In memory of Gladys Wussow, Edna Haferman
- In memory of Douglas Evenson, and Edna Haferman
- In memory of Wayne Lubeck given by Tom & Barb Reitz, and Ellen Sabetta
- In memory of Ward Oldenburg given by Edna Hafermann

### Grounds Committee

- In memory of Pastor Baur's father, Rev. Ralph Baur, given by Elizabeth Shinn & Ruth Bowes

### Organ fund

- In memory of Pastor Baur's father, Rev. Ralph Baur, given by Bob & Charlotte Jacob

### Outdoor Sign Fund

- In memory of Gladys Wussow given by Donna Stensberg, Bill & Elaine Wittrock, and Harvey & Naomi Pierce
- In memory of Wayne Lubeck given by Bill & Elaine Wittrock, Donna Stensberg, Harvey & Naomi Pierce, and Wally & Joan Johnson
- In memory of Jim Manz on Father's Day given by his daughters Jayne & Tammy
- In memory of Pastor Baur's father, Rev. Ralph Baur, given by Wally & Joan Johnson, and Herb & Carol Jackson





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## Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Sunday at noon: Picnic.  
1pm – 3pm VBS kickoff.

Monday – Thursday  
5pm – 6pm Picnic  
6pm – 8pm VBS

All kids, all teens and all adults, even without kids are invited to attend St. Paul's VBS Picnic and Bible classes all week long. Register online at [www.stpaulswr.org](http://www.stpaulswr.org).