

IN THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY "GOD: THE SERIES"



- Less 1 - God: My 1 Desire
- Less 2 - Creation Glorifies The Creator
- Less 3- God's Holy Name Is All Hearts Need
- Less 4 - 31,173 Verses, 1 Big Idea
- Less 5 - God Makes Eternity Exciting (SUNDAY - Mar 3)
- Less 6 - Jesus Gets Us To God
- Less 7 - Christians Are Called To Declare God's Glory!

**DOWNSTAIRS IN THE EDUCATION WING • COME GROW TOGETHER!
COFFEE & PASTRIES SERVED :O)**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 st Bruce Benton	18 th Jennifer Rickert
3 rd David Grossman	19 th Ruth Luedtke
4 th Kristi Gorges	Ella Marileigh Peters
Cynthia Roloff	20 th Teryn Huettl
9 th Susan Schuelke	22 nd LeRoy Meyers
10 th Phillip Grunwald	25 th Sherry Meyer
Dan Heise	Jamie Quinn
11 th Cody Kettleison	27 th Ion Gordee
13 th Mark Brandt	Amanda Peters
Amber Mihna	29 th Claire Selle
Richard Ruppel	

ANNIVERSARIES

14 th Debbie & Robt Grunwald
17 th Darnel & Janette Laabs



PLEASE NOTE: *If we have missed your birthday or wedding anniversary, please let Pastor Finn know so he can update our lists.*



Making Friends For Eternity St Paul Lutheran Church

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***"Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, my soul." - Psalm 103:22***

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: *"Worst I've Ever Seen."*

The Chief Deputy Sheriff for Winnebago County had seen a lot in his 27 years of service, but the pile-up on I-41 this past Sunday was the *"worst I've ever seen."*

It was the worst in state history. If you had to go out Sunday to drive you know how bad the white-out conditions were. No one in that series of collisions saw it coming, until one by one they were careening headlong into one another. The aftermath left us shaking our heads in disbelief as we watched the reporting from the crash scene.

Can we praise God for *"all his works everywhere"*? Doesn't seem like we could apply the psalmist's words in the direction of that scene on the highway Sunday. When troubles come, thoughts swirl in our minds like white-out conditions in a winter storm, blinding us from answers and hope. While God isn't the one who causes the evil and hurt we experience in this world, he certainly is still the One completely in charge of all things, at all times.

Read through this psalm in its entirety sometime, and others like it in Psalm 66 or Psalm 136. One commentator writes, *"These psalms are not just giddy and shallow expressions of happiness on good days. They are filled with deep thanksgiving precisely because the believer knows that in all his days, both the easy and the difficult, the merry and the painful, God rules."*

In the midst of any peril, regardless of the circumstances around us the believer can always know that God is ruling over all things for our spiritual and eternal benefit. We can praise Him for all his works everywhere! We can do that as we remember his saving work

through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul reasoned that If God was willing to give up his only Son to save us all from sin and death in hell, we can trust that He will also stop at nothing when it comes to ordering our life and working out his blessings somehow, in ways that are beyond tracing out. He's able to prevent any evil, or when he sees fit to allow it, to work through it to bring us blessings somehow and to train us in faith so that we continue to trust in him and not in ourselves!

So, yes, praise him for all his works—your God is good, all the time—and everywhere! How encouraging that is as we go through life, knowing that no matter how rough the road gets in life, that in the end we'll look back and see how obvious it is that our Savior has been with us every step of the way!

Pray: "Dear Lord, enable us to go through life trusting in your wisdom and love, and guided by your Word. We know you play for keeps—help us to lay hold of your promises when we hit the rough patches of life, and lead us to thank and praise you for all your works, everywhere! Take all your dear children in your strong arms, and leads us to walk in your ways, O Lord. Amen."

Pastor Zillman



ST. PAUL CHURCH NEWS & notes

APPLE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The March collection date at church will be Sun, Mar. 17, 2019, which is the 3rd Sunday of the month. The following is a list of items currently in need of at the pantry: Paper toweling, personal hygiene and household products, baked/pork n beans, all canned meats such as Manwich and beef, rice, jam, cookies and all crackers.

Thank you for your generous and continued support of the WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry. We are very appreciative of the support we continue to receive from you. A happy and blessed new year to you! Cindy Wundrow, WELS AVFP Communicator (920-419-1946).



EVENTS & COCURRICULARS

- The Forensics team is enjoying early season success. Next up are Sub-district and District competitions.
- Our chapter of *Future Business Leaders of America* qualified 16 students for State competition. The team finished fourth in regional competition against 28 other high schools with 650 students competing.
- FVL Theatre will offer public performances of its spring musical *Crazy for You* on March 8-10. Tickets are available online or at the door.
- NHS is sponsoring a 5K fun run in April to support Children's Hospital. Register at runforlives2019.com

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Congregation support for operations is 3.8% (or, about \$20K) ahead of what had been collected at this time last year. We are about \$59K short of budget at this time.
- *Let the Children Come* gifts totaled \$6,600 in January, bringing the total given toward the first principal and interest payments to \$97K. A total of \$475K needs to be raised by November 1annually to meet the loan payments.
- Gifts to the FVL Foundation are always appreciated. The Foundation supports FVL through tuition assistance and professional development. An annual goal of \$300K has been set to grow the Foundation and stabilize the operations and outreach of the high school.
- With support from our *Partnering with Business* sponsors, Musicfest in late January raised over \$9K for the FVL Fine Arts program and the *Let the Children Come* effort.

~ With you, serving Jesus – Principal Steve Granberg



FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE FEDERATION - FEB 2019

FVL MISSION: *Partners with families and Federation churches, providing students with a Christ-centered education preparing teens for lives of service and for eternity.*

SCHOOL NEWS

- Enrollment is currently 648—it was 614 at this time last year. Currently 154 eighth graders have indicated they plan on attending FVL next year.
- Applications for the 2019-20 *Wisconsin Parental Choice Program* are open until April 20. Families should check FVL's website to see if they would qualify for this state program that helps families to fully-fund tuition for their teens. For those who might not qualify, but still need financial assistance, FVL's Tuition Assistance application process is also open the same dates this year.
- New FVL students are eligible to receive the annual Ladies Guild Memorial scholarships. To apply, find more information at fvlhs.org.
- In early February, Leadership Week was organized by our *Peer Leadership Group* to strengthen student leadership skills and to create stronger bonds among our student body. FVL juniors volunteered an afternoon at their home churches or schools.
- FVL's *Family Open House* is Tues., March 5, from 12 noon-7 pm. Families can register online at fvlhs.org; walk-ins are welcome. A drawing for tuition discount coupons is offered.
- On March 14, FVL will welcome over 200 seventh graders to *Discover FVL Day*.
- Information on the FoxFest Dinner Auction is now online. This year's theme is *Kentucky Derby*. The date is April 5 at Liberty Hall. Find out more at fvlhs.org.

STAFFING NEWS

- Calls have been extended to Ms. Sara Emmrich (Guided Studies/Special Education) and Mr. Matthew Foxen (English). Please remember these teachers in your prayers as they deliberate these calls.
- FVL still is in need of a second-shift custodian. If interested, contact ttechlin@fvlhs.org

LENT BEGINS - ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6



Plans are in place once again to help members at St Paul set aside special time to meditate on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ in the season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with a soup supper at 5:30 pm with worship to follow at 6:30 pm. See below for the schedule of guest preachers each week as they come to help develop our Lenten theme: "Three Words." Each service focuses on a poignant three-word phrase from the record of Jesus' passion and resurrection. **See below for a schedule of servers for fellowships each Wednesdays in Lent also.**

SERVING AT THE FELLOWSHIPS

- (Mar.6) Ash Wednesday: Women's Fellowship Group
- (Mar.13) Choir serves
- (Mar.20) Sunday School Teachers & Parents
- (Mar.27) Church Council serves
- (Apr.3) *Volunteers needed--(Sign-up sheet at church)*
- (Apr.10) *Volunteers needed--(Sign-up sheet at church)*

GUEST PREACHING ROTATION

Schedule of area WELS Pastors visiting St Paul, Dale

Ash Wednesday, March 6: Pastor Bill Finn

"Watch & Pray"—Matthew 26:35-41

Wednesday, March 13: Pastor Brad Ragner - Messiah, Shiocton

"I Am He"—John 18:3-9

Wednesday, March 20: Pastor Joel Lillo- St. Paul, Stephenville

"Love One Another"—John 13:31-35

Wednesday, March 27: Pastor Paul Zittlow

"Take Him Away!"—John 19:14-18

Wednesday, April 3: Pastor Ralph Rosenberg - Bethlehem, Hortonville

"Is it I?"—Matthew 26:20-25

Wednesday, April 10: Pastor Peter Kesting - Zion, Readfield

"What Is Truth?"—John 18:33-40



ST. PAUL CHURCH NEWS & notes

Continued...

FINAL CHANCEL PAINTING PROJECT SUMMARY



The Trustees share the following breakdown of the cost for this project:

- Plastering - \$1500
- Painting - \$2967.02
- Detail work - \$800
- Moving Dollies - \$50
- Lift - \$401.50
- Staging - \$229.76

TOTAL: \$5948.28

Another minor, but added cost was approximately \$180-\$200 added in heating costs while this project was underway. Thank you again to all St Paul members who donated & helped make this project possible--it turned out great!!

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER AT ST PAUL, DALE...



Keys to Life

A spiritual and personal study to grow closer to God through...

- **Four key words and**
- **Six key questions**
about Christianity

Pace yourself. Take just a few keys at a time--*maybe do the four key words--then see if you want to keep going--Or, study all ten key words and questions in a row*). **Schedule Keys to Life with Pastor Finn Today!**

91.9FM Appleton/Oshkosh



Donate Personal Care Items for
Local Fox Cities Crisis Programs

Help ease the financial strain on area homeless and crisis programs!

Most Needed Items:

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| • Cleaning Supplies | • Hair Care | • Laundry Soap |
| • Feminine Needs | • Deodorant | • Kitchen Trash Bags |
| • Bathroom Tissue | • Dental Care | • Paper Towels |
| • Diapers/Baby Care | • Body Lotion | • Face/Bath Soap |

Donations remain in the community where they are collected.



Thanks to these
generous sponsors!





UPDATE ON SPECIAL OFFERING TO VIETNAM MISSION

Here's an update on the progress of special offerings to in the Vietnam Mission begun in the month of February. To date we have received \$2,240.00 that we are sending in to WELS World Missions for this purpose. Members of St Paul donated \$220.00. Teens gave \$2,020.00 (Non-members but attending teen group).

WELS is collecting special offerings through June 2019 with the goal of raising \$2 million to purchase land, construct the campus, and cover the initial two years of operational costs. This is a wonderful door of opportunity open to WELS. We are the first Christian church body to be welcomed into this communist country. This project will be a rich blessing to the 100,000+ members of the Hmong Fellowship Church in Vietnam! **See below for our progress toward our mission goal (as of 2/28/19).**

\$654,000

Special offerings collected to date

\$2,000,000

Special offering goal

"GRACE-HMONG OUTREACH IN VIETNAM" SPECIAL OFFERING

32%

Praise God for moving his people to fervent prayer and generous support of this mission endeavor!

LWMS REPORT

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society have two rallies a year to help raise funds for Home & World Missions, one in the Spring and Fall, that ladies from 30 different congregations from our Paperland Circuit attend. We hear about all our mission fields, such as Vietnam, Latin America, Apacheland, East Asia, Africa and many others, not to mention all our home missions where we are hearing encouraging news from places like Crown of Life (Corona, CA), Grace (Seattle, WA), and others. Lots of news and updates are available at wels.net.

Our Spring Rally was at Grace, Oshkosh on April 21, 2018. We heard updates about the LWMS National Rally in Green Bay (April 21-24, 2018). We heard about the KIDS Care program in which children can learn about & participate in missions. Prof. E. Allen Sorum also updated us on the Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI) and how individuals from war-torn countries here in the US have learned about Jesus and trained by PSI to share the Gospel in their home country. He also spoke about his work in Africa with Peter Burr in Vietnam. 156 ladies and men attended this Spring Rally, enjoying a wonderful lunch before heading home again.

1,450 people attended the National Rally (June 21-24, 2018) in Green Bay, at which many of our Paperland ladies volunteered. 839 WELS congregations and 58 of 60 of our circuits were represented. We enjoyed presentations on Campus Ministry, Bilingual Ministry, "125 Years in Apacheland," and many others. There were also different workshops the ladies could attend such as Intercultural Assimilation, Minority to Majority, Bringing Christ's Light to Campus, Early Childhood Education as a Bridge to Jesus, and Moments With Missionary Wives.

Our Fall Rally was held at Bethany, Appleton (Nov.3,2018). We heard three of the SOS recipients tell of their first time attending a LWMS Convention. Four ladies from a group called "Spirited Strings" shared a presentation of their work in various mission fields. We enjoyed singing songs with them from different countries. We also had a short business meeting. We have 46 congregations in our circuit, up from 30 from our Spring Rally. Good news! More people are joining to hear about and support missions!

The 2019 Spring Rally will be at Trinity, Kaukauna (Apr 6). The Fall Rally is at Des Moines, IA (June 27-30). All ladies are welcome!
~ **Candy Kohler, LWMS Reporter**