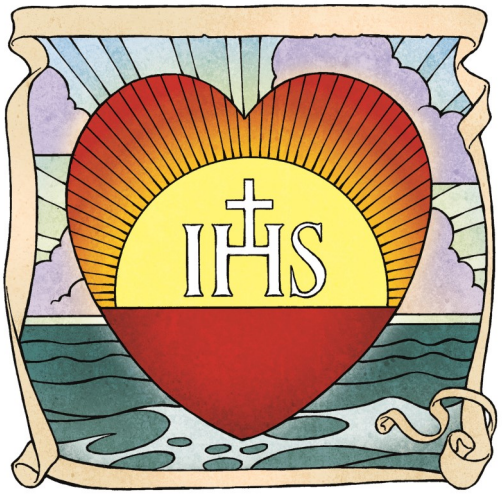

The Word

"In Thee Is Gladness"

Victorious Truth

A couple stood by their son's bedside. He was connected to all sorts of life support machines. His pupils were fixed and dilated as he lay in a coma. The couple did not know at the time whether he was alive or had left his body for heaven.
It was at that point the couple did not care if their son was popular in school. They did not care which college he planned to attend in the future. They did not care anything about his GPA or what chair he held in band. They had only one concern: What would happen to him when he died? Where would he go? Nothing else seemed important.

Uncertainty is with us in the world in which we live. It is hard to tell the difference between the truth and the lie. Pandemic, mandates, attacks, protests, arguments, voices for and against and so on. Truth and lies swirl around us on every issue and often we don't know the difference. With what are we left? We are often empty. We are often despondent.

Where is this victorious truth of which the hymn of the season speaks? It is here within our hymn of the month! We as the children of God believe that our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, will return in all glory, power and might on the last day. We don't know when that day will be: We may already be living in the last days. Given the state of the world, we see creation moaning, and we ourselves moan for the day of Lord's return. We wait in eager anticipation for that day. When that day arrives, we will with the "watchmen" hear the church singing, our hearts will break forth in song. We will see our gloom and sadness transform to joy. We will see our Lord come down in glory and splendor, in power and great might. We will, along with the whole world, see the **victorious truth**, the truth revealed as Jesus in his love and grace takes us to the banquet hall of heaven where we will feast forever in the eternal bliss of heaven. Joined in singing Hosanna with our loved ones who have received their eternal life before us. *"Yes, come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son!"* We welcome You and praise You for You have won the victory for us through Your own suffering, death and rising again for us. Victorious over sin, death, and the devil. This **victorious truth** is ours to confess, believe in faith, graciously given to us in Baptism, and to live in the knowledge that this is all that matters; this is the most important thing.

We are a people that know ultimate truth. We are a people at peace. We are a people that knows where we are going. Bless your friends, your neighbors, your

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St. Paul's Music Conservatory
239 Frank Street
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712 322 4729

St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center
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"The Word for Study and Reflection: Stay Awake to Victorious Truth"

Most of us know what it's like to grow sleepy when driving, especially when we're in the last part of our journey. It's been shown that the majority of car crashes happen within several miles of home. That's because when we are close to home we are more likely to grow careless, become districted, and not take precautions. Unfortunately, a lack of watchfulness can have serious, even deadly, results. Those involved in public safety wisely warn us to stay focused, take precautions and STAY AWAKE!

As travelers along life's way, ever closer to our final goal, we Christians are similarly encouraged to be watchful and STAY AWAKE! Why? We are to do so because our eternal safety is at stake. The devil, the world, and our sinful nature *"do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come"* (Luther's Explanation to the Third Petition), and they will stop at nothing to lull us into spiritual slumber. The call for us is to be alert, to STAY AWAKE against their attacks.

First of all, we are to STAY AWAKE against the devil's trickery. Peter writes in his first letter, *"Be sober-minded; BE WATCHFUL. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."* Just as he did to Adam and Eve in the Garden, the devil is constantly trying to trick us and pull us into sin. He causes us to question, "Did God *really* say?" He urges us to trust in our own opinions and our own wisdom. To STAY AWAKE against the devil's attacks, we need to know and arm ourselves with the Word of God, the sword of the Spirit, our offensive weapon against the devil's temptations. St. Paul explains, *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."* (Ephesians 6:12)

Second we are to STAY AWAKE against the world's deception. In Acts 20, Paul speaks to the Ephesian pastors and says, *"I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore BE ALERT, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears."* (Acts 20:29-31). We are to be aware that the world will be at war with the church, often even spreading its ideas into it. We find this today in the "woke" movement, a movement which in the name of being "awake" to race issues, advocates for the disruption of the nuclear family and the overthrow of the Christian worldview. Christians are to BE ALERT to the world's deception and its influence within the church.

Third and finally, we are to STAY AWAKE to the attacks of the sinful nature. The sinful nature would lull us into spiritual apathy. It would have us take for granted God's Word and Sacraments and fail to appreciate their power. It would lead us to isolate ourselves from one another and fail to build one another up. Jesus says in his parable of the wise and foolish virgins, *"WATCH THEREFORE, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* (Matt. 25:13) Christ is returning soon to gather His church to Himself. Therefore, we are to BE AWAKE and make use of the means of grace. Through His Word and Sacraments, He applies to us the forgiveness won on the cross for the times in which we fail to STAY AWAKE, and He empowers us to live as His expectant people, eagerly and joyfully waiting for His return.

We all know what it is like to be physically sleepy along the highway, and we know the dangers it may cause. May Christ strengthen us by His Holy Spirit in order that we may remain spiritually AWAKE to His victorious truth and be kept from spiritual danger until that time when we see Him face to face.

The picture at the right depicts the parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins. In the parable, five virgins were unprepared and drowsy. Five virgins were prepared and awake and ready for the return of the Bridegroom. Jesus teaches us in this parable, to stay awake and ready for His promised return!

The Word on the Hymn of the Season

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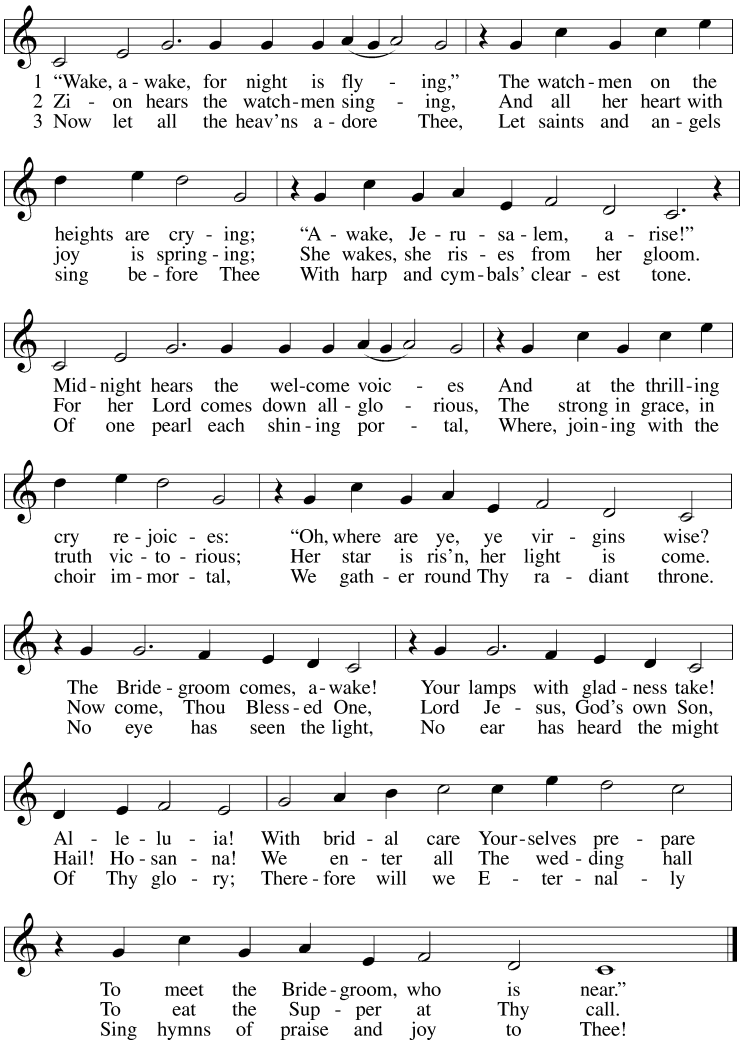
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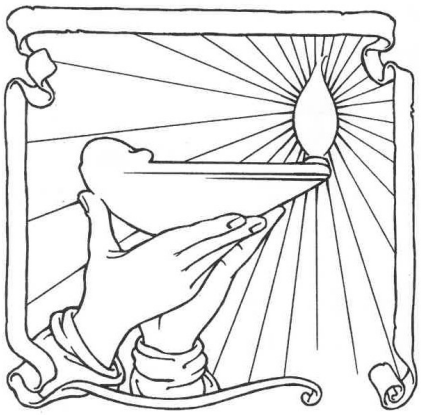

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Matthew 25:13

Weddings are very special occasions, often requiring a great deal of preparation. The wedding in this triumphal hymn involves ten virgins (or bridesmaids). From it we learn that being prepared for the wedding feast leads to gladness and joy for the faithful who await the Bridegroom's return. The hymn eventually includes shouts of "Alleluia!" and "Hosanna!," reflecting the joy in the hearts of the faithful as they greet the Lord Jesus, God's own Son, and enter heaven for the eternal wedding banquet.

In the Biblical parable from Matthew 25 (:1-13), five wise virgins prepare for the wedding by having plenty of oil in their lamps to keep them burning for a long time. The other five virgins are foolish; they did not bring extra oil. Because the bridegroom was delayed, the virgins fell asleep. When the bridegroom arrived at midnight, the wise virgins were ready to waken with their lamps for light, but it was too late for the foolish virgins to prepare. When the foolish virgins arrived at the feast, the door was shut, and they were left out.

The bridegroom in this parable represents Jesus, and the virgins represent members of the Church. The arrival of our heavenly Bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. We are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. Some will fail to enter heaven because they neglect their faith. But those who, by God's grace, have a faith that endures until Christ returns will happily share in the eternal joy of His kingdom. "Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!"

Our Local Mission:
St. Paul's Music Conservatory

Left and Right: One of the joys of teaching music is introducing new students to their instruments. Pictured are two of our new students within their first month of study. Look forward to enjoying the talents of these musicians in the coming months and years!

Right: Five of the students who performed lunchtime music at the continuing education course held at St. Paul's in August. Performers also included SPMC cello teacher Laura Goodwin and several students of Dr. C. Thank you for helping us offer hospitality and joy to our guests!

Rest of Page: Piano students who performed at Dr. C's open house in September. Thank you for adding beauty and festivity to the event!

Our Local Mission: St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

From Mrs. Preston

"The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation." Psalm 118:14.

These have definitely been trying times for our world, nation and community! If you are struggling from job changes, school changes, fear of being safe, or other worries due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you are not alone! In spite of life's challenges, we are blessed to have faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ who will overcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center also struggles from the effects of the pandemic. However, God is providing and slowly the center is getting back to providing for families. The staff has worked diligently on cleaning, hand washing and practicing good safety procedures for everyone in the building. Even with strict policies and procedures in place, the center endured a closing due to a positive COVID-19 case. The staff and families at SPLECC are so blessed to have the support of St. Paul's congregation.

The early childhood center has also been blessed with more worship time from Pastor Sherrill this year. Dr. C and Pastor Sherrill have chapel and music for all of our students on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Even the youngest students participate and enjoy hearing about God's Word. This year Pastor Sherrill has extended his time at the center and holds worship for all the classes Monday-Friday. Please continue to pray for the mission of SPLECC and specifically for the staff, children and families at our center. Thank you!

From Pastor Sherrill

There is no better way to begin your day than singing to and speaking of Jesus with little children. No matter how big and smart we are, Jesus means it when He says, *"Unless you turn and become like children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 18:3

Operating an Early Childhood Center, therefore, is not only a blessing to others, it is a blessing to us. We need to be taught by children. We need to take note of their faith, their trust, their joy, their honesty and their delight in simple things.

As Mrs. Preston mentioned, we recently had to close due to a Covid

case. While we could mope and complain due to that announcement, God hasn't called us to that. He has called us to faithfulness in Him! We are eager to return to school on September 28th in order to continue our ministry which includes serving our community and teaching Jesus!

Speaking of our ministry, you can help! Mike Rossbund has volunteered to help us pour a sidewalk from the building to the playground. We need more helpers willing to prepare the sidewalk for pouring. Can you help us? If you'd be willing contact me, I'll get you connected! pastorsherrill1978@gmail.com or 712-322-4729.

Thank you Ms. Gabbi!
Gabbi Rasmussen has served at SPLECC for the last four years and became a wonderful infant lead teacher for us. She recently graduated from Creighton and has entered into the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program. Due to the rigor of the program, she will need to focus solely on our studies at this time. We have appreciated her dedication to the center and love of the children. Thank you Gabbi, and God's blessings!

Welcome Ms. Roth!
St. Paul's members know Liz Roth well, as she has been a member since birth! Liz has worked at SPLECC since August of 2016 and during this time worked with Gabbi a great deal. Gabbi shares that Liz was a mentor and friend to her and is happy for her to take over the lead position. Liz is enrolled in the Family Life Science program at Concordia University St. Paul, MN and looks forward to graduating in 2021.

Congregational Ministry

Sunday School- Sunday School has a similar structure to Christ Academy. Listed below are our classes and spaces being used. All classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

1. Adult Class—Pastor Frank—Sanctuary
2. 7th Grade –High School—Martin Cannon– Fellowship Hall
3. Upper Grades Elementry—Pastor Sherrill– Gym
4. Middle Grades Elementry—Rachel Johnson– Room at bottom of stairs.
5. Lower Grades Elementry—Brenda Wurdeman

Christ Academy- We have restarted Christ Academy, and classes are going well. Listed below are our classes and spaces being used. The Adult Class begins at 5:45p.m. and the Youth Classes begin at 5:30p.m.

1. Adult Class– Pastor Tews –Sanctuary.
2. High School– Pastor Sherrill - Room at bottom of stairs.
3. 7th-8th Grade Confirmation– Pastor Frank- Fellowship Hall.
4. 5th-6th Grade Confirmation– Lois Hanusa—Lounge
5. 4th Grade and Under—Jo Raymond and Becca Heinicke are gathering any students in this age group whose parents or siblings have come for a different class. This groups will utilize several spaces for their time.

Note: Due to Covid, the Christ Academy and Sunday School structures have been modified. To date, we have held classes in rooms where attendees can spread out more. We have also stopped "doughnut time" on Sundays and the Christ Academy meal on Wednesdays to limit large, crowded spaces. We have also stopped manning the nursery on both days. Please make comments on the comment sheet regarding any thoughts you have on Sunday School and Christ Academy, as these modifications are being reviewed on a monthly basis.

Life Chain – Sunday, October 4th ~ 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful witness of pro-life individuals standing with prolife signs for 90 minutes on Broadway from 16th to 35th Street in Council Bluffs. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. This national event is in its 33rd year. Signs will be provided on the north side of Broadway at 16th and 22nd streets. Please bring any signs taken last year and stand 20 feet apart. Elderly bring a chair. St. Paul's members are asked to pick up a sign and meet in the parking lot of Timothy Lutheran Church and spread out from there.

Gabriel's Corner Pregnancy Center will host an Open House immediately following Life Chain from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. located on the corner of 2nd Avenue and 16th Street. Any questions, call Eileen Smith, Life Chain Coordinator.

Church Picnic – Sunday, October 4th ~ 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Arrowhead Park, I-80 exit #23, left on L55, one mile to park entrance at the Overlook Shelter. Hot dogs and brats will be provided along with chips and a drink. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Come and enjoy the great outdoors and some needed fellowship with your church family! As you enter the park, watch for signs directing you where to go for St. Paul's shelter and activities.

Congregational Ministry

Special Note on Choirs– In light of Covid-19, St. Paul's choirs this season will be modified. Rather than meet in large groups for the adults and youth choirs, Dr. C and Pastor Frank will be meeting with individuals, such as our normal kantors, or small groups we'll call "kantoreis."

These groups will be scheduled on the calendar (see this newsletter) and then practices will be arranged. Pre set practice times include Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., before and after Christ Academy. Special times for practice will be arranged if you cannot make these. If you would like to help with one of these groups contact one of our pastors or Dr. C!

Many St. Paul's members showed up for the 40 Days for Life Kickoff outside of Gabriel's Corner a few weeks ago. 40 Days for Life runs from September 23rd through November 1st. Contact Jo Raymond or Jenny Trail for more information.

Supporting the Vacancy at Timothy -

After many years of faithful service, Pastor Michael Petri has retired as Pastor at our sister congregation of Timothy Lutheran. Rev. Dr. Brent Smith, an LCMS mission advancement counselor living in Omaha, has agreed to serve as Timothy's vacancy pastor as it calls its next pastor. Pastor Sherrill and Pastor Frank have been asked to assist in preaching at Timothy on those Sundays when Pastor Smith needs to be away. Meanwhile, Pastor Tews will be assisting Pastor Sherrill and Pastor Frank at St. Paul's when one of them is at Timothy. As fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, we are pleased to work together with our sister congregation and assist them during this time.

A Note from Dr. C-

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open House at 170 Nicholas Street (also known as "Nicholas Heights Mansion") on Sunday, September 20th! While the guest book was signed by 67 guests, an estimated 90-100 enjoyed Christian fellowship, conversation and music performed by piano students from St. Paul's Music Conservatory.

Along with enjoying the music and conversation, guests had the opportunity to visit St. Paul's Hospitality Suite, the entire lower level of Nicholas Heights. The suite was recently restored and renovated following damage from water leaks from the water heater and air conditioner unit. Visitors enjoyed viewing new carpeting and woodwork in the two bedrooms, hallway and entryway, which creates a welcoming venue for St. Paul's official guests and friends of the congregation. Thank you so much to all who helped fix up the lower level!

Everyone enjoyed viewing the extensive art collection featuring about 100 original paintings, art glass and pottery displays, and select pieces of antique furniture displayed throughout the house. I really enjoyed visiting on the back patio which offered Christian fellowship with the beauty of flower gardens, snacks and beverages. Thank you to all who came and helped make it a most enjoyable day! I want to expresses my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to live in and care for St. Paul's parsonage and gardens. "Thanks be to God!"

Congregational Ministry

Dear St. Paul's Members, we need your help!

Since March, St. Paul's Church Council and pastors have poured over our response to Covid-19. While we have had many discussions, we have always returned to some fundamentals: 1. We want as many members and visitors as possible to be able to participate in worship, study and congregational life. 2. We want to be equally respectful to everyone, understanding there are strong opinions on both sides of the issue, especially as it relates to masks, distancing, and other "Covid-19 protocol." 3. We want to continue, active in ministry.

It was announced in church recently that we would be sending out a survey to get your thoughts as a congregational member. While there were many ideas as to how to conduct this survey, it seems best to simply ask for you to comment. Using the space below, share your thoughts on St. Paul's response to the Covid-19 crisis. How are we doing? Are there things we can do better? Are there things we should change? Are there things we're doing well? In your responses, please especially consider areas such as website/Facebook/livestreaming, worship, Sunday School, Christ Academy, Pastoral visits/ communication, and any other aspect of ministry important to you. If you would rather submit your response via e-mail, please send that response to St. Paul's Congregational Chair, Randy Milbrath at straubmilbrath@gmail.com

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Please comment on St. Paul's response to Covid-19 below. Turn in to the Church office, credence table in the narthex or respond via email. Thank you!

Our National/International Mission: David's Harp

In what seems to have been a long process, David's Harp has some exciting news to share! We have received our status as a Corporation in the state of Iowa. We received our non-profit 501 C3 status. Now, earlier in September, we finally received our status as a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) within the Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod. Thanks be to God!

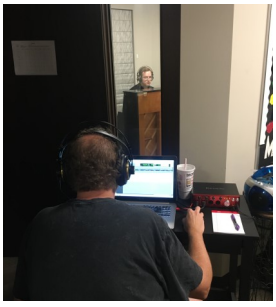
So, what does this mean? As an RSO, David's Harp will help The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to extend its mission outreach, education and social ministry. The LCMS is happy to have helped David's Harp become established in order to support the ministry of the synod as it establishes centers of music education in churches, schools and missions of the synod and as it develops music resources for use in those sites and more.

David's Harp is bigger and broader than you might think! Though we have not yet functioned formally as an RSO, we have been doing the work all along. See some updates on our work below:

1. In the summer, David's Harp (DH) brought on new board members. Kantor Michael Giuliani from Bethany Lutheran Church in Naperville, IL and Dr. Martin Dicke, Missionary to Papau New Guinea. Along with these appointments, DH also brought on two new advisors. Rev. Charles Ferry, Regional Director of Missions for the LCMS in Asia and Rev. Daniel Vogel, retired Hispanic minister, most recently serving congregations in western Iowa.

(Dr. Martin Dicke is pictured to the upper right and Kantor Giuliani to the left.)

2. In June, DH was contacted by Rev. Ted Krey, the Regional Director of Missions for the LCMS in Latin America and the Caribbean. Rev. Krey asked DH to participate in the Spanish Lutheran Hymnal Project, a 14 year long "labor of love" seeking to unite 40 Spanish speaking countries in one hymnal. Pastor Sherrill routinely meets with Lutherans from all across Latin American and as far away as Spain most Friday mornings at 8:30a.m. via Zoom. DH was asked specifically to record the liturgies and hymns from the new hymnal for use in a Hymnal App for teaching and worship related reasons. Recently, John Timm and Pastor Frank began the process of recording portions of this Spanish Hymnal right in the studios of St. Paul's Music Conservatory!



3. In August, Rev. Charles Ferry (mentioned previously), contacted DH requesting our support in helping to establish a music conservatory at the LCMS Asian headquarters in Tawian. Rev. Ferry has seen firsthand the significance of spreading the Gospel through music all over Asia. With the view of a mosque right outside of his apartment window, the need for the Gospel message is clear, and the need for a plan to share the Gospel from person to person may be clearer. Rev. Ferry believes one on one music instruction is the perfect way, not only to meet people, but to do so in a positive way while using the materials and conversations that surround them as the manner of evangelism, and the beginning points for further conversations.

4. In Early September, Rosemary was contacted by the Chairman of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Orleans, LA. Pastor Sherrill had discussed the parish based music conservatory with their organist months earlier and Pastor Tews sent her a DH development packet. This gentleman was following up on that conversation asking for the DH FAQ document in electronic format. It turned out that he was preparing for a church Council meeting where they were going to be voting on establishing a parish based music conservatory. Within his conversation with Rosemary, he said, "After reading this document I don't know how you could have any question. I think every church in New Orleans needs to have a music conservatory!"

5. Just this week, DH received word from Alex Lobo, the Director of Music at Concordia Lutheran Church in Jackson, TN. After having visited St. Paul's Music Conservatory last February, the congregation has been discussing the idea of a conservatory. On Sunday, September 27th, the congregation voted unanimously to establish "The Concordia Conservatory" and also to be a member conservatory of David's Harp. *(Picture at the right was taken during their visit to St. Paul's in February.)*

As you can see, David's Harp is simply sharing the themes of St. Paul's Music Conservatory with those interested in learning more. To date, St. Paul's staff has helped establish five conservatories (including our own) with many more to come. This summer we also began work on a liturgy volume, adding to our list of current resources. As we help establish conservatories and produce resources, we find the possibilities are endless when it comes to missions through music, and the excitement among our fellow Christians is electric.

Look forward to hearing more information on David's Harp soon to come. If you haven't yet, check out our website at www.davidsharpmusic.org

Announcing LWML Grant to St. Paul's Music Conservatory

St. Paul's Music Conservatory is eager to share news of a grant received from the Iowa West District LWML! The ladies have created this poster as a reminder to keep SPMC in their prayers over the next two years. We thank God for their support and encouragement!

Praise to You, our God, for You have taught us of Jesus our Savior and enriched our faith through the sturdy hymns we have inherited from your gifted saints. Bless the use of this grant, that St. Paul's Music Conservaotry may produce more resources to sound forth the sweet and saving name of Jesus, and more may be brought to join in eternal praise before You. Amen.

GRANT #13 - BRINGING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD THROUGH MUSIC - $2600.94

Music is a God-given gift that can carry the Gospel to others, as Paul encourages the Colossians to communicate in "psalms, and hymns and spiritual song.."

Within Lutheranism, music is viewed as something that belongs at the center of worship and evangelism. St. Paul's Music Conservatory in Council Bluffs has seen the need for music resources connected to our hymnal, that can be presented to young children and non-Christians. Piano books are also being sent digitally to LCMS missionaries for use in their ministries. Grant funds will allow SPMC to commission an additional volume of the "Hymns of the Season" piano book series, for use in LCMS church, schools and missions around the world.

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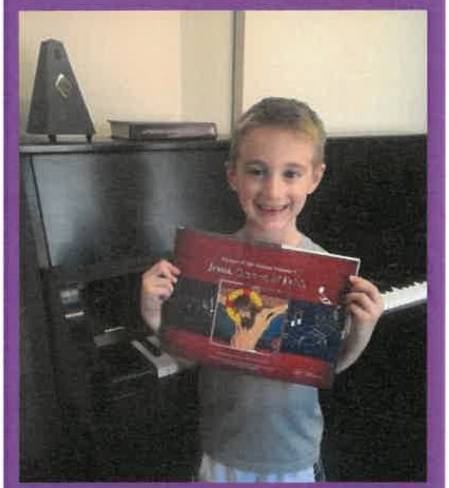
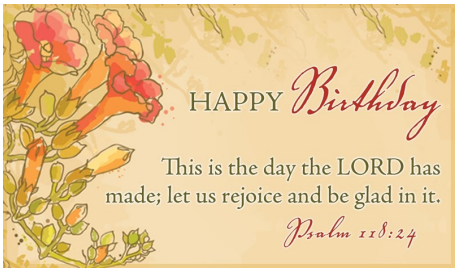


The Word on our Church Family

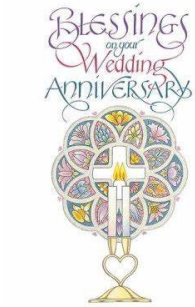
October Birthdays

October 1	Joanne Klein
October 3	Karen Brandenburg
October 5	Barb Kallesen
October 6	Katie Adam
October 8	Dennis Robison
	Nate Storey, Jr.
October 9	Jim Westervelt
October 10	Kelly Lane
	Russell Mosemann
October 11	Heath Adams
October 12	Justin Cooley
	Isabella Sherrill
October 13	Macy Cooley
October 15	Daniel Frank
October 18	Kim Carlin
October 19	Tim Salin
October 20	Jerry Gaffney
	Cecelia Johnson
October 21	Bob Wege
October 22	Julia Burris
October 23	Stacie Voss
October 24	Carson DeLong
	Fred Fritz
October 27	Mitchell Jansen
	Kelli Salin
October 29	Diane Westervelt
October 31	Adelaide Batterman



November Birthdays

November 1	Tyler Thomas
November 3	Mallory DeLong
	Gloria Kehm
November 4	Julie Damewood
	Cody Selby
	Shelby Underwood
November 5	Bobbi Carter
	Joel Sherrill
November 6	Victoria Bowerman
November 8	Kara Roberts
	Horst Rossbund
	Kathy Rossbund
November 9	Jack Dragon
	Naomi Sherrill
November 11	Max Cundiff
	Gaven Farrell
	Eileen Termuende
November 12	Art Gardner
	Mary Johannes
	Amy Waggoner
November 13	Jessica Cooley
November 17	Phil Storey
November 18	Kennedy DeLong
	Harrison Goodwin
	Titan Trail
November 19	Luke Batterman
	Gwen McKee
November 20	Alex Tague
November 22	Amy Foust
November 24	Oliver Fingerhut
November 25	Jonathan Frank
November 26	Jim Schnoor
November 28	Dave Hansen
	Angie Lantz
	Lydia Sherrill
November 29	Matthew Frank
	Amy Termuende



October Anniversaries

October 1
Andy & Lauren Cohrs
October 8
Eric & Cory Nelson
Mike & Jenny Smothers
October 9
Mitch & Denise Lane
October 22
Stephen & Nicole DeLong

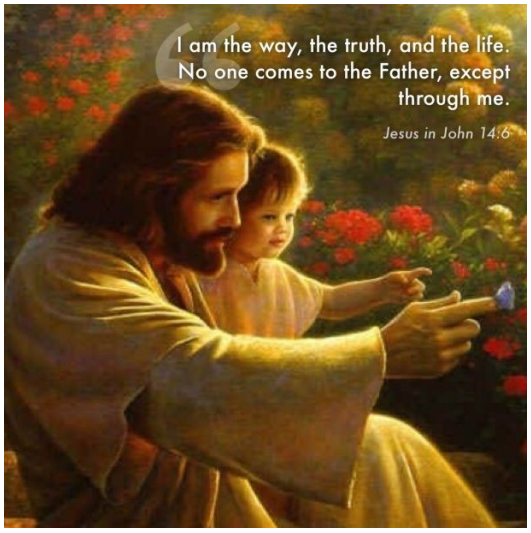
November Anniversaries

November 11
Charlie Johnson & Mary Ann Hanusa
Andy & Jo Raymond
November 15
Jim & Diane Westervelt
November 17
Randy & Lisa Milbrath
November 23
Dave & Judy Meyer
Bob & Diane Machmuller
November 25
Bob & Dianna Finch

If you wish to order flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, please call the church office at 712-322-4729. Price: $42.50.

The Last Word
"Victorious Truth"

If you google "Truth" this is what you get: *"that which is true or in accordance with fact or reality. what actually/really happened · the case · so · gospel · gospel truth · God's truth · the honest truth"* Don't really need to add anything to that do I? But…



The "truth" is: I am Rosemary Paul *(I have a birth certificate to prove it)*. I work for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. *(I receive and W-2 form at the end of every year that says so.)* I have been to the top of St. Paul's steeple. *(I have a picture to prove it.)* I live at 905 Military Ave. in Council Bluffs, Iowa. *(the US Postal Service delivers mail to this address with my name on it, so the US Government says so.)* I love to read. *(I have a house full of books to prove it.)* I love birds, especially silly parakeets. *(I have a yellow and green one at home to prove it.)* I own a Buick Encore, a Chevy Camero, and a Chevy Colorado. *(I have 3 car titles from the state of Iowa with my name on them to prove it.)* I am a Missouri-Synod Lutheran. *(I have a baptismal certificate from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska and a confirmation certificate from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa to prove it.)*

After making that last statement, I have some "*"Victorious Truth"* to tell. Because of my baptism, God gave me the gift of the Holy Spirit, to help me believe all of the victorious truths God has for me. Like the truth of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ, Who died on the cross for all of my sins. And rose in *"Victorious Truth"* as the Savior of the world. The truth of receiving Christ's actual body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. The "*Victorious Truth"* that when I die I will be in heaven with all of those who have gone before me, forever praising God for His *"Victorious Truth!"* This truth is all I need and the reason why our church exists. Rejoice with me, in the victorious truth of Jesus and our opportunity to share it!

In His Service and Yours,
Rosemary

*We must remain as strong and straight as the **cross** on the top of the steeple.*
Keeping our eyes ever fixed on Christ, who died on the cross for our salvation.

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OCTOBER 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:00am Worship – C **9:30am SS/ABC** **10:45am Worship - C** **2:00-3:30pm Life Chain** **4:00pm Church Picnic at Arrowhead State Park**	6:00pm Hand Bells	8:50am Chapel – SPLECC 11:30am Staff Meeting	8:50am Chapel – SPLECC **5:30pm Christ Academy**			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00am Worship – C **9:30am SS/ABC** **10:45am Worship - C**	6:00pm Hand Bells	9:00am Pastors' Conference 2:30pm Bethany Music 7:00pm Elders	8:50am Chapel – SPLECC **5:30pm Christ Academy**	**7:00pm Council**	11:30am Ruth Circle	
18 St. Luke, Evangelist	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:00am Worship – C **9:30am SS/ABC** **10:45am Worship - C**	6:00pm Hand Bells	8:50am Chapel – SPLECC 11:30am Staff Meeting	8:50am Chapel – SPLECC **5:30pm Christ Academy**			
25 Reformation (Observed)	26	27	28	29	30	31 Reformation
Food Pantry Collection **8:00am Worship – C** **9:30am SS/ABC** **10:45am Worship - C**	6:00pm Hand Bells	8:50am Chapel – SPLECC 11:30am Staff Meeting	8:50am Chapel – SPLECC **5:30pm Christ Academy**			

The Word on those who serve as we worship;

OCTOBER 2020

October 4, 2020

	8:00 a.m. ~ Communion	10:45 a.m. ~ Communion
Elder:	**Dan Strutzenberg**	**Doug Ferris**
Ushers:	Steve Krohn, Isaac Sherrill, Trey Stickler	Alex Tague, Cody Selby, Dan Wych
Acolytes:	Owen Shockey	Sam Raymond
Communion Set Up:	Amy Termuende/Karen Burns	Amy Termuende/Karen Burns
Communion Clean Up:	Amy Termuende/Karen Burns	Heidi Penney/Patti Guill
Choir/Kantor:	Johnson Family	
Flowers:	Wendy Storey	

October 11, 2020

	8:00 a.m. ~ Communion	10:45 a.m. ~ Communion
Elder:	**Mark Heinicke**	**Martin Cannon**
Ushers:	Don Mathisen	Rick Guill, Ed Hawks, Dave Johannes, J.T. Waggoner
Acolytes:	Ella Bogacz	Bradley Adams
Communion Set Up:	Jan Steenbock/Dawn Cundiff	Jan Steenbock/Dawn Cundiff
Communion Clean Up:	Jan Steenbock/Dawn Cundiff	Diane Machmuller/Amy Waggoner
Choir/Kantor:	Kent Seetin	Men's Group
Flowers:	Wendy Storey	

October 18, 2020

	8:00 a.m. ~ Communion	10:45 a.m.
Elder:	**Dan Strutzenberg**	**Martin Cannon**
Ushers:	Bill Kruse, Jeff Thomas, Jordan Mohling	Tim Hansen, Dave Hansen, Andy Raymond, Max Raymond
Acolyte:	Brody Wych	Macy Cooley
Communion Set Up:	Theresa Bowerman, Kathy Seipold	Theresa Bowerman, Kathy Seipold
Communion Clean Up:	Theresa Bowerman, Kathy Seipold	Heidi Penney/Patti Guill
Choir/Kantor:	Women's Group	Waggoner Family Kantorei
Flowers:	Wendy Storey	

October 25, 2020 ~ Reformation Observed

	8:00 a.m. ~ Communion	10:45 a.m. ~ Communion
Elder:	**Mark Heinicke**	**Doug Ferris**
Ushers:	Steve Krohn, Isaac Sherrill, Trey Stickler	Alex Tague, Cody Selby, Dan Wych
Acolyte:	Paige Wurdeman	Matthew Waggoner
Communion Set Up:	Shirley Walker/Diane Rounds	Shirley Walker/Diane Rounds
Communion Clean Up:	Shirley Walker/Diane Rounds	Diane Machmuller, Amy Waggoner
Choir/Kantor:	Bambi Heckerman, Lisa Timm, John Timm, Kent Seetin	Bambi Heckerman, Lisa Timm, John Timm, Kent Seetin
Flowers:	Wendy Storey	

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NOVEMBER 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day **8:00am Worship – C** **9:30am SS/ABC** **10:45am Worship - C**	**2** 6:00pm Hand Bells	**3** 8:50am Chapel – SPLECC 11:30am Staff Meeting	**4** 8:50am Chapel – SPLECC **5:30pm Christ Academy**	**5**	**6**	**7**
8 **8:00am Worship – C** **9:30am SS/ABC** **10:45am Worship - C**	**9** 6:00pm Hand Bells	**10** 9:00am Pastors' Conference 2:30pm Bethany Music 7:00pm Elders	**11** 8:50am Chapel – SPLECC **5:30pm Christ Academy**	**12** **7:00pm Council**	**13**	**14**
15 **8:00am Worship – C** **9:30am SS/ABC** **10:45am Worship - C**	**16** 6:00pm Hand Bells	**17** 8:50am Chapel – SPLECC 11:30am Staff Meeting	**18** 8:50am Chapel – SPLECC **5:30pm Christ Academy**	**19**	**20** 11:30am Ruth circle **December/January Newsletter Articles Due**	**21**
22 **8:00am Worship – C** **9:30am SS/ABC** **10:45am Worship - C**	**23** 6:00pm Hand Bells 7:00pm Gloria Dei Choir	**24** 8:50am Chapel – SPLECC 11:30am Staff Meeting	**25** **No Christ Academy** **7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship**	**26 Thanksgiving Day** **Church Office/SPLECC Closed**	**27** **Church Office/SPLECC Closed**	**28**
29 Advent 1 **Food Pantry Collection** **8:00am Worship – C** **9:30am SS/ABC** **10:45am Worship - C**	**30** 6:00pm Hand Bells					

The Word on those who serve as we worship:

NOVEMBER 2020

November 1, 2020

	8:00 a.m. ~ Communion	10:45 a.m. ~ Communion
Elder:	**Dan Strutzenberg**	**Martin Cannon**
Ushers:	Don Mathisen	Rick Guill, Ed Hawks, Dave Johannes, J.T. Waggoner
Acolytes:	Timothy Johnson	Maddie Cooley
Communion Set Up:	Amy Termuende/Karen Burns	Amy Termuende/Karen Burns
Communion Clean Up:	Amy Termuende/Karen Burns	Heidi Penney/Patti Guill
Choir/Kantor:	Pastor Tews, Dale & Julia Burris, Diane Machmuller	Pastor Tews, Dale & Julia Burris, Diane Machmuller
Flowers:	Kathy Meldrum	

November 8, 2020

	8:00 a.m. ~ Communion	10:45 a.m. ~ Communion
Elder:	**Dan Strutzenberg**	**Doug Ferris**
Ushers:	Bill Kruse, Jeff Thomas, Jordan Mohling	Tim Hansen, Dave Hansen, Andy Raymond, Max Raymond
Acolytes:	Gabe Burns	Amelia Guill
Communion Set Up:	Jan Steenbock/Dawn Cundiff	Jan Steenbock/Dawn Cundiff
Communion Clean Up:	Jan Steenbock/Dawn Cundiff	Diane Machmuller/Amy Waggoner
Choir/Kantor:	Julie Moreno	Johanna Mayer
Flowers:	Kathy Meldrum	

November 15, 2020

	8:00 a.m. ~ Communion	10:45 a.m. ~ Communion
Elder:	**Mark Heinicke**	**Doug Ferris**
Ushers:	Steve Krohn, Isaac Sherrill, Trey Stickler	Alex Tague, Cody Selby, Dan Wych
Acolyte:	Carter Shockey	Sam Guill
Communion Set Up:	Theresa Bowerman/Kathy Seipold	Theresa Bowerman/Kathy Seipold
Communion Clean Up:	Theresa Bowerman/Kathy Seipoold	Heidi Penney/Patti Guill
Choir/Kantor:	Ivy Farrell	Christa Shepherd
Flowers:	Kathy Meldrum	

November 22, 2020

	8:00 a.m. ~ Communion	10:45 a.m. ~ Communion
Elder:	**Dan Strutzenberg**	**Martin Cannon**
Ushers:	Don Mathisen	Rick Guill, Ed Hawks, Dave Johannes, J.T. Waggoner
Acolyte:	Paige Wurdeman	Naomi Sherrill
Communion Set Up:	Shirley Walker/Diane Rounds	Shirley Walker/Diane Rounds
Communion Clean Up:	Shirley Walker/Diane Rounds	Diane Machmuller/Amy Waggoner
Choir/Kantor:	Bambi Heckerman, Lisa Timm, Pastor Frank, John Timm	Bambi Heckerman, Lisa Timm, Pastor Frank, John Timm
Flowers:	Kathy Meldrum	

November 26, 2020 ~ Thanksgiving Eve ~ 7:00 p.m.

Elder:	
Ushers:	Steve Krohn, Isaac Sherrill, Trey Stickler
Acolyte:	Sam Raymond
Choir/Kantor:	Sherrill Family Kantorei

November 29, 2020

	8:00 a.m. ~ Communion	10:45 a.m. ~ Communion
Elder:	**Dan Strutzenberg**	**Martin Cannon**
Ushers:	Don Mathisen	Rick Guill, Ed Hawks, Dave Johannes, J.T. Waggoner
Acolyte:	Brooke Nelson	Josh Schreiber
Communion Set Up:	Amy Termuende/Karen Burns	Amy Termuende/Karen Burns
Communion Clean Up:	Amy Termuende/Karen Burns	Heidi Penney/Patti Guill
Choir/Kantor:	Johnson Family Kantorei	Pastor Tews, Dale & Julia Burris, Diane Machmuller
Flowers:	Kathy Meldrum	

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