



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
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The Glad Spirit

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

April-May 2016



What's In A Name?

Have you ever googled your name? I have and discovered that there are about 270 other people in the United States known as Harold Wahl. I have never met any of them, just my father, whose name I was given at my baptism. He's now with the saints in heaven. Evidently, there are quite a few others sharing my moniker.

What got me thinking about this is that in a few days I will become a grandfather. That elicits the thought, that when my grandson starts speaking what will he call me? As you well know there is a smorgasbord of names I could be called. To name a few: "Grandpa," "Grampa," "Granddad," "Pops" "Poppa," "Poppy," and the

list could go on and on. What exactly I will be called remains to be seen.

I have many names. Many of you call me "Pastor." Close friends and family simply call me "Harold." I have nieces and nephews who call me "Uncle Harry." When I have dealings in the business world, its "Mr. Wahl." . I probably answer to them all. Yes, I have even been called a few things which I won't repeat here

There is however, one name I cherish and am proud to be called. That is the name "Christian." That name packs a lot of meaning. That means I am part of the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ. He is the one who has claimed me. He came into this world for me. He bore all my sins. He suffered for me. He took my place on the cross. He won my victory over sin, death, the grave, hell, and Satan himself. In baptism He made me His child. He forgave my lifetime of sin. He ascended into heaven so that He could promise I will rise and be with Him. Through all of this and more He has written my name into His Book of Life. The name that did all these things is "Christ." I am most proud to be called a Christian.

I recall reading that there are over 400 names given in the Scriptures describing Jesus Christ. "Master," "Savior," "Friend," "King of Kings," "Lord of Lords," "Lamb of God," "Mighty God," "The Alpha and the Omega," "Bread of Life," and "Messiah," simply begin the long list. Each and every name is important and each carries a unique meaning. Still they could all be summed up in the one name, "Christ!"

So, I really do not know what my prodigy will call me. At this point, who knows? Whatever name surfaces will be a name I will most certainly answer to. In spite of whatever name or title I am called in this lifetime, I am most proud to be called, "Christian."

What about you?

In Christ's name and service,
Pastor Wahl

Jesus said "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

WITNESSING:

First, He sent His Son. Then He sent His Spirit. Now, He is sending His Church. Being a Witness right where God has placed you. Wherever we are, we are the Church!

Witnessing: Sharing the Gospel of Jesus

Lutheran Evangelism is designed to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to share the Gospel in their everyday lives with people whom God has placed into relationships with them. This is from page 1 of book **Everyone His Witness**. We are in the process of having this workshop come to St. Paul's in the near future. Here are some suggestions and opportunities to encourage us pray for the strength, knowledge and **boldness** to reach out to others and to tell others

1. Witnessing: Building bridges with others:

There are many different ways for Christians to share their faith, sharing a cup of Coffee is just one suggestion. The main focus is sharing a common bond and starting a conversation. This will probably take many cups of Coffee, in the book Acts of the Apostles they stayed in areas for days, weeks, months and even years.

St. Paul Lutheran Church: Free Monday Morning Coffee 7am to 8:30 am to share with the

Community. This is a fun way to begin the week, to talk to others and to share time with a friend.

Individuals: Come by for a cup of coffee, surprise a friend, co-worker or a neighbor with a cup of Coffee. Sponsor a Monday Morning Coffee.

2. Witnessing: Building Each Other Up

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another . . . Hebrews 10: 24-25

What better way to stir up one another than to meet together before we begin our day? Meeting together to hear Gods Word strengthens us encourages us and prepares us for this day.

St. Paul Lutheran Church: Offering Pray and Praise to Our Savior 2 weekday mornings Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 am and yes coffee will be offered as you head out the door by 7:30 at the latest. Open to the Community.

Individuals: Attend an early morning Pray and Praise bring a friend or family member. Post a notice on the office bulletin board, talk about it over a cup of coffee.

3. Witnessing: Studying God's Word

Studying God's word in a small group Bible Study has many benefits, knowledge, encouragement, enlightenment, the opportunity to talk about Scripture with others. Opening our heart, mind and soul up to the Holy Spirit to lead you.

St. Paul Lutheran Church: 2 Bible Studies, 2 opportunities. Sunday morning at 8:30 am at church. Sunday evenings 6:30 pm beginning April 24 at The Brandy's house. Prayer, study, conversation and growing in the Word and yes there is usually Coffee and indulgences (treats).

Individuals: Attend a Bible Study, start a small group Bible study in your home. Invite 2-3 people to attend a Bible study with you. Start a discussion about a Bible Study,

4. Witnessing: Outreach within:

Delivering newsletters to members in our congregation who are either unable for one reason or another to attend church. There are many people in our own church who need our prayers and encouragement to attend worship

services. This is also a wonderful way to make a connection and let people know we care.

St. Paul Lutheran Church: Newsletters are mailed out.

Individuals: Look at the newsletters, find a name or two and reach out to let that person know you are thinking about them and praying for them.

Witnessing Meeting: Everyone is invited to a Witness Meeting to share ideas of how the Church and each member can bring the Gospel of Jesus to our community, family, friends and co-workers.

Calendar: April and May

**Sunday Morning
Bible Study
8:30 am and 6:30 pm**

**Monday Mornings:
Community Coffee
7:00 am-8:30 am**

**Tuesday Morning:
Pray & Praise
7:00 am-7:20-7:30 am**

**Thursday Morning
Pray & Praise
7:00 am-7:20-7:30 am**

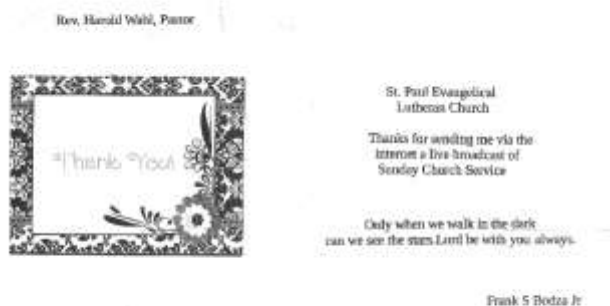
**Friday April 29
Witness Meeting
6:30 pm**

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Live Streaming of our worship services is offered to everyone as a means for folks to join in our worship even they cannot make it to church for various reasons. Perhaps they are ill, out of town, or any of other possible reasons. Live streaming makes joining in worship a definite possibility. One person who has benefited from

the live streaming is Frank Bodza who is limited in getting out of the house. Frank joins us in our weekly worship and is very grateful to our congregation. Recently, he expressed that gratitude in a thank-you card he made on his home computer. We share that card with the entire congregation. Make sure you take advantage of Live streaming when you cannot make it to church.



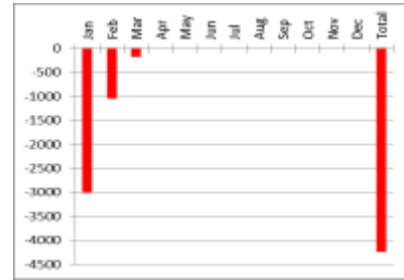
Ascension Day - is always a special day in the liturgical calendar. It comes exactly 40 days after Easter - always on a Thursday. It is the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ left earth and ascended into heaven to fulfill His promises to prepare a place for us. Our local circuit of congregations each year conducts a joint worship service for everyone. This year our congregation has the privilege of hosting this service. This will be on Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. The leaders of our congregation decided to host the circuit in grand "St. Paul" style with an evening meal served to everyone before the service. Serving starts at 6:00 p.m. Plan on coming to this festive service and joining together in a delicious meal to start the evening

Get live streaming worship services on your phone or tablet - With the live broadcast of our worship services live, you can watch on your computer by following the directions on our website at www.splcms.org. Your phone and tablet devices work differently than your computer. But there's an app for that. That app is called "O Player -Lite." This is a free app - costing you nothing. You do need to go to your

App Store however to obtain it. Once you have the app, all you need to do is open it at the time of our worship services and enter the code address that is found on our website. Then you are able to join us in worship anywhere you might be. If you prefer to use a phone or tablet device - Get the App.



CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES



Bottom numbers, (negative), are shortfall
Top numbers ,positive, are surplus

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
September - May

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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Church Office Hours
9 to Noon Monday thru Friday.

Bulletin Deadline
Thursday by 10 a.m.

Contact the church office to submit personal testimonials about what God has done for you. Or original art that is inspirational or humorous to the artist.

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Chairman	Bill Sommer
Vice Chairman	David Bloom
Recording Sec.	Tracy Middleton
Financial Sec.	Robert Brandy
Treasurer	Chris Carr
Elder	Ed Hoeksema Steven Michels Henry Sella Jack Swan Brian Wiltjer Jerry Wiltjer
Trustee	Dean Bloom Earl Bloom Jerry Smith

Stewardship

Evangelism	Debi Brandy
Social Ministry	Norma Allen Sandy Budde

S. S. Super.	Kathy Dejonowski
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Asnt. Super.	Dana Krieger
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Adult Director

Youth Director

April

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| 1 Taeler Chiattello | 12 Brian Smith |
| 4 Brian Wiltjer | 13 Shirley Smith |
| 5 Kristi Hudson | Denise Tatgenhorst |
| Abby Wahl | 14 Heather Reichert |
| 6 Francie Ovalle | Samantha Rick |
| 7 Adam Kukulski | 15 Aaron Schassburger |
| 8 Brett Hall | 16 Joe Pearson |
| 10 Tiffany Hoover | 18 Ethan Schassburger |
| Carly Maurer | 26 Christopher Budde |
| 11 Arlene Rich | 28 Cheyenne Plecas |



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

May

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| 1 Logan Geiger | 10 Alvin JaBaay |
| Gene Wiltjer | 11 Janet Sanders |
| 2 Shannon Speese | 14 Tim VanDommelen |
| 4 Scott Parker | 15 Danielle Chiattello |
| Jerry Wiltjer | 16 Cherlyn Plaia |
| 5 Jean Wiltjer | 17 Norma Allen |
| Nora Wulf-Burklow | 20 Piper Geiger |
| 6 Sara Keith | 24 Raymond McCrary |
| Amanda Kukulski | 27 Paulette Pearson |
| James Mischka | 28 Jacob Middleton |
| Uriah Wisely | 30 Brittany Certa |
| 7 Melanie Shadley | 31 Bradley Eastman |
| 8 Sandy Bodza | Brianna Middleton |
| Emma Conway | Denis Tatgenhorst |

APRIL 2016

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