



**ST. PAUL'S  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AND SCHOOL  
July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

***We Preach Christ Crucified***

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**Focus for our Worship**

The believer hears the Word of God and listens with a trusting heart. So many things in this world can distract believers from that simple privilege and duty! Living according to God's will means giving the Word of God central place in our lives as the one thing needful.

Color: Green is the color of life and growth. The Pentecost season is the time of the church year when we focus on the Holy Spirit's work of giving new life and refreshment.

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Welcome Visitors!

We're glad you joined us today to praise our Savior, Jesus, and to hear His word. If you have any questions about our congregation, please ask. We value your friendship and the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with you.

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Matt Bekemeyer,  
Greeters: Matt Meyer, Michael Wells  
Broadcast Announcers:  
Neil Bekemeyer, Tom Hueske  
Broadcast Sponsor: Our broadcast this morning is sponsored by Brian and Elaine Burger in honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were married July 26, 1975.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

Monday – M/M Brian Burger  
Tuesday – Rebecca Hueske  
Wednesday – Herman Freese, Denice Scheiding  
Thursday – Alverta Wells  
Saturday – M/M Don Weichel, Rhonda Yost, Levi Likens  
Sunday – M/M Mark Wells

### **This Week, By God's Grace—July 25<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup> (Basement Cleaners: M/M John Vossler)**

<b>Today</b>	New Member Welcome/Coffee Hour	11:00 am
<b>Monday</b>	Worship with Communion	7:30 pm
<b>Mon.-Wed.</b>	Faculty Class at NELHS	
<b>July 27-Aug. 6</b>	Bortulin Family Vacation	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Adult Choir	7:45 pm
<b>Fri.-Sun.</b>	Youth Camp Jefferson	
<b>Sunday</b>	Presentation (by Missionary Luke Wolfgramm)	9:00 am (at school)
	Worship (Greeters: Aaron & Ann Freese)	10 am
	Mission Festival Potluck Meal (at School)	11:30 am

**Get To Know Our Newest Member-** "Hi, my name is Anthony Zimmerman. I am 19 years old and am from Beatrice. My parents are Leon and Marie Zimmerman. I have two younger brothers, Andrew and Aaron, and one half-sister, Nicole. Currently I am attending SCC in Lincoln where I study courses in the Fire Protection Program. In addition, I hold two jobs, one for Roger Little and the other at the Beatrice Fire Department where I serve as a Reserve. Someday I would like to work full-time for the Beatrice Fire Department. My main hobbies and interests are spending time with friends, playing basketball, and weightlifting."

**Call Update** We recently received word that Kevin Hahm will be teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Atonement Lutheran School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. May the Lord bless his ministry.

**Mission Festival** - Our annual Mission Festival will be held, Sunday, August 1. Missionary Luke Wolfgramm will give a presentation at 9:00 am at school, and he will preach for our 10 am service. A potluck meal will be served at school beginning around 11:30. Tableware and drinks will be provided.

**Phone System** The new phone system for church & school has been installed and we are in the process of fine-tuning it to meet our needs. If the secretary does not answer your call you will be prompted to select #1 for the church office, #2 for the school office, or #3 for Pastor Bortulin. Should you have difficulties using the system, please call Pastor Bortulin's cell number (223-9413). Thanks!

### **Thank You**

- We extend our thanks to Eldred Gronemeyer who is retiring as a member of the Finance Committee. Eldred has served in this position for the past 16 years.
- We thank the family of Don Wolter for the special memorial gift of \$100. The gift was designated for use in purchasing additional choir music.

### **Voter's Highlights**

- ✓ The meeting opened with devotion and prayer by Pastor Bortulin.
- ✓ 37 voters were in attendance.
- ✓ The Treasurer's Reports, as presented in the Quarterly Report, were accepted.
- ✓ Mr. Anthony Zimmerman was received as a member by Profession of Faith.
- ✓ The Elders highlighted the schedule for Mission Festival.
- ✓ The School Board reported that the accreditation self-study is well under way. When the process is completed, our school will be fully accredited by the synod and a national accrediting organization. Miss Gilbert, Miss Wilkens, and Mr. Plitzuweit will attend a class in Waco later in the month to prepare them to host student teachers from Martin Luther College. More information will be coming regarding if, when, and how many student teachers we might receive. The Board also noted that members can contribute to a Tuition Assistance Fund, if they so desire. Contact the principal, board of education, or pastor for more info.
- ✓ There will be a Cemetery Work Day on Saturday, July 31, at 9 am. The Trustees noted that there is a balance in the Roofing Fund. Flag poles are being prepared for the school entrance area. These poles and the flags were given in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Nispel. Donna Jung was thanked for her work in painting Pastor's office.
- ✓ Michael Wells encouraged everyone to consider attending the "Heart in Focus" seminars.
- ✓ There is one Sunday left to sponsor in 2010. There are many options available for 2011. Contact the church office or Craig Scheele for more info.
- ✓ A written report was given from NELHS. Copies are available in the narthex.
- ✓ The *Building on Christ* finance report was given. In addition to our monthly payments, an additional \$29,000 has been applied directly to the principal, thus reducing our indebtedness. The loan balance as of the middle of July was ~\$309,000.
- ✓ The voters approved the building of a cemetery shelter. The building will be brick with a cement floor and ceiling. It will be located in the circle drive, east of the current cemetery sign. This gift was given by the Roland Hueske Estate.
- ✓ Pastor Bortulin reported on his Summer Quarter class and on upcoming vacation plans.
- ✓ The meeting adjourned with prayer.

**Salt Dogs Game** - The game is Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. BBQ starts at 6 pm, the game is at 7 pm. Pricing options are explained on the sign up sheet. SIGN UP TODAY!

**Heart in Focus Personal Finance Course** - If you are planning to attend the "Heart in Focus" finance seminar (August 10, 17, 24), please turn in your registration form to the church office or contact Pastor Bortulin soon. Additional registration forms are available on the table in the front entrance.

**Bortulin Family Vacation**—Pastor and family will be gone from Tuesday until Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. In the case of an emergency, you can reach him on his cell phone. Pastor Frank will be available if you need pastoral help.

**First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-14**

1The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. 2Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. 3He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. 4Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. 5Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way--now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." 6So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread." 7Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. 8He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. 9"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. 10Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. 11Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. 12So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?" 13Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' 14Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."

**Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17**

12Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

38As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" 41"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."