



The Messenger

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL (WELS), GREEN BAY

October, 2023

Singing a New Song Together

— Pastor Ben Enstad

Last Sunday (Sept. 24) we were introduced to a new song in our hymnal, *Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love* (CW 577). Singing a new song can be difficult, but that doesn't mean it isn't beautiful and can't be thoroughly enjoyed. It was awesome to have our sanctuary full with so many fellow believers working together to learn a new song.

When we join our hearts and voices, we remember the new song the LORD has given us — the song of faith! This song was so new to our natural hearts, we could never have sung along on our own. In fact, we couldn't even pick up the tune, let alone the words. That's how dark and deaf our sinful hearts were, until God broke through the darkness of our inborn unbelief and gave us a new song to sing. It's a song that shouts out praise and thanks to our Savior, Jesus, who has worked salvation for all mankind!

Jesus came into this world singing the song of love and grace for all, which grated against the ears of everyone by nature, but especially his enemies. Jesus' enemies, chiefly the self-righteous Pharisees, thought they were singing a beautiful song to the LORD in their self-proclaimed good works. And what seemed sweet to them and those who looked up to them, reeked of the sulfur of hell to God.

But look at who was drawn to Jesus. So many were the poor and destitute, those possessed by demons, and those whose

particular sins earned them the simple label of "sinner" in their society. What did they have in common? The preaching of the law through their natural knowledge of the law and the priests. That message, proclaimed by their consequences and circumstances of life left them singing nothing but the funeral dirge of death and damnation.

Then came this beautiful voice singing what the ancient gospel writers said would come. Then came the song of him who would proclaim good news to the poor...bind up the brokenhearted...proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners (Is. 61:1).

Friends, we have a new song to sing! And not alone, but together in our lives as brothers and sisters in Christ! But this song isn't one we just sing back and forth to each other. The Psalmist writes: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples (Ps. 96:1-3).

There are still more singers out there, still many more whom God has called to sing this new song together with us. That's why



we host Everyone Outreach this weekend. That's why next weekend I, along with many others, are commissioning a new home missionary in Marquette, Michigan. God bless us as we go out singing our new song in our community, in our Northern Wisconsin District of WELS, and as we through prayers and offerings, support mission work around the world.

Inside this issue:

BUILT ON THE ROCK UPDATE	2
EVERYONE INREACH	2
SCHOOL NEWS	4
LWMS UPDATE	5
ONE IN CHRIST	7

The Messenger



Building Project Update

As of this writing, we're still on track for completion of phase one of our project by December 15th. We plan to move into the new building during our school Christmas break. A special service of dedication is planned for January 28th.

With thankful hearts, God's people continue to offer additional pledges and gifts to support gospel proclamation to children and families for many years to come. We kicked off our three-year Built on the Rock campaign on May 9, 2021, with a goal of \$1 million in combined pledges and gifts to be applied to the \$4.5 million project loan. As of mid September, combined pledges and gifts totalled \$883,103. What a blessing it would be to reach our \$1 million goal by May of 2024! To God alone the glory for each generous gift.

We pray with the psalmist:

*May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.*

— Psalm 90:17

Pastor Jon Zabell



Everyone Inreach

We kicked off October with a two-day event called *Everyone Outreach* to help us focus our attention on the souls out there who are in need of the message of the Savior. As we look to the end of this month and the beginning of the next, our sights are set on a similar effort aimed at brothers and sisters in our own church family who need gospel encouragement. It's called **Everyone Inreach**. Here's what's planned.

On Sunday, October 22, and Monday October 23, our guest preacher will be Pastor Donn Dobberstein, WELS Director of Discipleship. At 9:15 Sunday morning we'll enjoy a hearty breakfast in our fellowship hall while Pastor Dobberstein leads Bible study for the day. The theme for the whole day is *Encouraging One Another*.

Then - save this date! - on the morning of **Saturday, November 4th**, all of us will have an opportunity to put this encouragement into practice. Together we aim to hand deliver care packages with treats and gospel encouragement to 50-100 households of fellow members needing encouragement. Then we'll gather back at church for lunch. We'll need lots of help to pull this off: dozens and dozens of homemade cookies for that morning and lots of volunteer drivers. The goal of the event will be to help every member of our church family to know that they are valued and appreciated not just by us, but by the Lord, who sent us his Son Jesus Christ to save us. Watch for sign up opportunities throughout the month of October, and get involved!

Pastor Jon Zabell

October, 2023



Before October Leaves, Add These Event Reminders to Your Calendar

- **Ladies Aid** meets on Tuesday, October 3, 1:00 p.m., and hears an update on our school from Principal Stephen Miller. All women of the congregation are invited to be part of this group that shares in service opportunities, fellowship, and growth.
- **JAMM Sessions (Jesus—Art—Movement—Music):** St. Paul is hosting a new parents/guardians and tots group (ages 0-4) on the first Friday of each month, beginning October 6, 10:00 -11:00 a.m. It's called "JAMM Sessions" If you or anyone you know has kids that age, we invite you to join the fun! Find the link in your E-news, text, email, or call Julie Zabell if you are able to join us — or comment on the Facebook promotion.
- **Fellowship Breakfast:** Everyone is invited to the monthly Fellowship Breakfast, held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Grille on Hoffman Road in Allouez (801Hoffman Rd.). Please join us on October 10, 8:30 a.m. Please email Dennis or Liz Oberer at doberer@new.rr.com with questions.
- **Photo Directory Appointment Days:** Why not schedule a time for family photos sooner rather than later? Upcoming appointment times are planned for Saturday, October 7, and Sunday October 8, or Saturday, November 11, and Sunday, November 12. A link to register is in the latest E-News. Paper registration is available in the narthex.
You can also just drop in at worship times on the above Sundays, if there is an opening, or send a recent photo to Peter (pschaewe@stpaulgreenbay.com).
- **Trunk or Treat 2023 is on Saturday, October 21, 3:30-5:30 p.m.** It's always fun to see how our members decorate their trunks and themselves to hand out candy. Come be part of the fun or participate by donating candy. Follow the link in the latest E-news
- **Quarterly Voters Meeting:** Between services on October 29 is one of our regular meetings of the congregation. All are invited for updates about our St. Paul ministries. Stay informed.
- **Area Reformation Service:** St. Paul hosts the Green Bay area celebration of the Lutheran Reformation on the afternoon of October 29, 4:00 p.m. Pastor Kevin Westra, who serves at Bethlehem Lutheran in Hortonville, is the preacher. There will also be special music from our Junior Choir, Church Choir, and instrumentalists. Give praise to God for his enduring Word!
- **The Lutheran Military Support Group is holding a retreat** for veterans and their spouses at Camp Shiloh in East Texas, October 26-29. Go to lutheranmilitary.org for information, clicking on the What We Do tab. If you have questions, contact LMSG leadership: Brad Price (bprice@lutheranmilitary.org).

The Messenger

School News

— Principal Stephen Miller



The school year is underway, and as we feel the air cool a bit and the leaves turning color, we notice that our students, staff and parents are starting to get into their routines. Lines are getting straighter, transitions are getting smoother, and our academics are becoming clearer. First and foremost, we continue to share with our students the faithful message of our Lord and Savior. We are grateful for the many gifts faithfully given to our students by the Lord. If you have not had an opportunity to hear our students sing, please check the school or church calendar and join us in church to hear them sing praises to our Lord.

Students at St. Paul are exploring God's wonderful creation. On September 19, our 6th and 7th grade students participated in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) competition facilitated by staff and students from Fox Valley Lutheran High School. On September 20 and 21, our 3K and 4K students visited Alpacas at Sabamba Alpaca. Our 5th - 8th grade students participated in an overnight stay at Camp Phillip, where they participated in a variety of activities and challenges. Our 4th graders headed to Fox Valley Lutheran on September 27 for a field day.

Our school enjoys a wonderful connection with families. On September 15, we held our annual Game Night. Staff and parents shared some of their favorite family games with other families, and we enjoyed pizza together. We also had Donuts with Dad on October 7, with an opportunity to connect more deeply with our school family. Our PTO has gotten off to a great start with a high level of engagement and involvement. Their first fundraiser has begun (Seroogy's candy bars) and fundraiser night (Happy Joes Pizza) is already under their belts.



Top: Geo Tracking at Camp Phillip

Bottom: St. Paul family fun at Game Night



LWMS News

The LWMS Paperland Circuit 2023 Fall Rally is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 14, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Green Bay. If you didn't register but are now available to attend, please don't hesitate to do so. Men are also welcome to attend. We'd love to see you there!

Theme: "GOD'S GRACE IN THE HILL COUNTRY" (North Vietnam)"

Speaker: Mr. Sean Young, WELS Mission Coordinator

Send One Sister (SOS) applications are available on the LWMS table, located outside of the office. Confirmed WELS women who have never attended an LWMS Convention can apply to receive a stipend to offset the cost of attending the 2024 LWMS Convention in Sioux Falls, SD. The recipients need to attend the Paperland Circuit Fall Rally when the selections are made.

LWMS 61st Annual Convention Bus: The 2024 Convention is in Sioux Falls, SD. Tom's Christian Tours will have a bus going to the Convention. Pricing has not yet been determined, but there are already 42 interested riders on a waiting list. If you are interested in taking this bus to the Convention, call (262.408.5518) or email via their website (www.tomschristiantours.com), to be added to the waiting list. You are not committed to take the bus if you are on the waiting list, but this helps to determine pricing and if multiple buses are needed. The tentative itinerary is to leave WI on June 25, and return to WI on June 30.

SAVE THE DATES:

- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2023 Fall Rally, October 14, at Beautiful Savior, Green Bay. Co-hosted with First Lutheran, Green Bay.

GOD's GRACE in the HILL COUNTRY



- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2024 Spring Rally, April 20, at St. Paul, Winneconne. Immanuel, Town of Clayton will co-host.
- LWMS 2024 61st Annual LWMS Convention, June 27-30, 2024 Hosted by Minnekota Circuit in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2024 Fall Rally, October 12, at St. Matthew, Appleton. Eternal Love, Appleton will be co-hosting

May GOD continue to bless the efforts of our Missionaries and LWMS.

Lisa Koenig
LWMS Reporter
CookieBaker@1791.com
920-469-1758



The Messenger

Thank You from Mr. Jammer

I would like to say a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who was part of celebrating my 40th Anniversary in the teaching ministry. Thank you for the special church service. Thank you for the wonderful meal and celebration, especially those who organized the meal, put together a couple memorable songs, and shared their thoughts and memories. Thank you especially for the kind words, cards, and gifts. Being with family and friends and reflecting on this day reminds me that God loves and shows his grace to each of us every day.

Can You Help?

- **Help Wanted:** We are still looking for a Hot Lunch Worker to start immediately. This part-time position pays up to \$16 per hour, with about 17 hours per week. You can find an application in the office or contact Principal Stephen Miller.
- **Girls' B Basketball Coach Needed:** If you are interested or know of someone, please contact either Mr. Clair Jammer or Mr. Aaron Wellhoefer.
- **Cradle Roll Coordinator:** Are you a reasonably organized person? Do you have flexibility to make a trip to the post office every so often? You may be JUST who we are looking for! After many years of faithful service, Mrs. Suzy Wieting is stepping down as our Cradle Roll coordinator. We are looking for someone willing to continue this important work of mailing encouragements and Christian materials to our families during their child's first three years. Training will be provided. Please contact Julie Zabell at julie.zabell@stpaulgreenbay.com or the church office at (920) 435-8468 if you are able to help.





St. Paul Lutheran Church exists to celebrate our freedom from sin, death, and hell through Jesus Christ; to nurture our church family with God's Word for lives of service to Him; and joyfully to share the good news of salvation with the world around us.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL (WELS)

514 S. Clay St., Green Bay, WI 54301, www.stpaulgreenbay.com, (920) 435-8468, Facebook

One in Christ

Written by Rev. John Holtz, Native Christians counselor for the Native American mission field and former One Africa Team contact to Uganda.

They are home now. Tired, but home.

Pastor Makisimu Musa is the leader of the Obadiah Lutheran Synod (OLS) in Uganda. The WELS officially began fellowship with the OLS at the 2023 Synod Convention. Pastor Musa, his wife Mary, and son Nathanael are now back home in Buwembula Village in Eastern Uganda. Back to their family and everything familiar.

For the month of August, they were far from anything familiar. Why? They came to the United States. What an eye-opening – and taste bud-savoring -- experience it was! Waffles? What are those? 4-D movie – a what? Cactus? What's that? Where are all the pedestrians and motorcycle taxis and potholes?

Not only was it the Musa's first time in the USA but it was also their first trip overseas. If you felt a breeze in the month of August, it may have been from the whirlwind tour that Pastor Musa and his family enjoyed. In addition to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum, they visited seven congregations, eight schools, and the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha.

We extend a special thank you to the Musa family for also taking the time to visit Peridot-Our Savior's and East Fork Lutheran schools on the reservations, as well as Open Bible in White River, Ariz., and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lakeside, Ariz. The kids enjoyed seeing some animals and fish of Uganda, but even more importantly they got to see Ugandan children learning God's Word, singing God's praises, and dancing for the Lord. Our Apache children had lots to think about after seeing and hearing about the plentiful harvest in Uganda.

God's Word gave us all something deep to ponder as Pastor Musa based his sermon on Jesus' prayer found in John 17. One in Christ.

We think the ark is impressive! Indeed, it is, but it is nothing compared to the immensity of God's grace in Jesus Christ!

One faith. One baptism. One Lord and God. No matter where in the world we are living, as fellow believers we have a tie that binds us: Jesus.

Same Father. Same Brother. And that puts us in the same family – God's family.

After Pastor Musa's presentation at Open Bible, Rev. Kirk Massey shared these thoughts: "Over the years I have often been asked to speak about our world mission field here on the Fort Apache and San Carlos reservations, but this is the first time we have had the honor and privilege to have a representative of our WELS world mission fields come to share with us. What a blessing this has been, Pastor and Mrs. Musa! Thank you!"

Indeed, a blessing. Thank you, Pastor Musa, Mary, and Nathanael, for making the trip, sparing your time, sharing the Word, and giving us insights into God's kingdom work in Uganda. We thank God that you arrived home.

Rest well, my brother and sister. (and our little brother, too!)



Rev. Holtz and the Musa family in Peridot, AZ



At the Ark Encounter in Kentucky

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM – Communion Service 9:15 AM – Bible Hour 10:30 AM – Communion Service 12:15 PM – Everyone Outreach	2 6:30 PM – Communion Service	3 1:00 PM – Ladies Aid 6:30 PM – Outreach Committee Meeting 6:30 PM – ESL Class	4 6:00 AM – Breakfast Bible Study at Julie's 8:30 AM – Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM – Church Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM – Prayer at the Close of Day	5 9:00 AM – Bible Study 10:30 AM – Building Meeting 6:30 PM – ESL Class	6 10:00 AM – JAMM Session	7 Church Photo Directory Picture Day (sign up for a time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.)
8 Church Photo Directory Picture Day 8:00 AM – Service 9:15 AM – Bible Hour 10:30 AM – Service Gr. 3K-5K Sing 11:45 AM – Sunday Catechism	9 5:30 PM – PTO Meeting 6:30 PM – Service	10 8:30 AM – Fellowship Breakfast 5:30 PM – Tech Committee 6:00 PM – Board of Stewardship 6:30 PM – ESL Class 6:30 PM – Board of Christian Education 7:00 PM – Board of Member Care	11 6:00 AM – Breakfast Bible Study at Julie's Muffins with Mom 8:30 AM – Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM – Church Choir Rehearsal	12 9:00 AM – Bible Study 10:30 AM – Building Meeting 6:30 PM – ESL Class 6:00 PM – Built on the Rock Steering Committee	13 4:00-5:00 PM – Food Pantry Distribution	14 FVWAL A Volleyball Tournament 7:00 PM – Women's Group
15 8:00 AM – Communion Service Grades 5 & 6 Sing 9:15 AM – Bible Hour 10:30 AM – Communion Service 11:45 AM – Sunday Catechism	16 6:30 PM – Communion Service	17 6:30 PM – Church Council 6:30 PM – ESL Class	18 6:00 AM – Breakfast Bible Study at Julie's 8:30 AM – Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM – Church Choir Rehearsal	19 9:00 AM – Bible Study 10:30 AM – Building Meeting 6:30 PM – ESL Class 7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study Group	20 5:00 PM – Wedding Rehearsal	21 1:30 PM – Kolton Goslinowski and Hailey Huettl Wedding 3:30-5:30 PM – Trunk or Treat
22 8:00 AM – Everyone Inreach Service 9:15 AM – Bible Hour 10:30 AM – Everyone Inreach Service 11:45 AM – Sunday Catechism	23 6:30 PM – Service	24 2:00 – Early School Release 6:30 PM – ESL Class 7:00 PM – Board for Member Care	25 6:00 AM – Breakfast Bible Study at Julie's School Picture Retake Day 9:00 AM – Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM – Church Choir Rehearsal	26 Wisconsin State Teachers Conference – No School 9:00 AM – Bible Study 10:30 AM – Building Meeting 6:30 PM – ESL Class	27 Wisconsin State Teachers Conference – No School	28
29 8:00 AM – Communion Service 9:15 AM – Voters Meeting 10:30 AM – Communion Service 11:45 AM – Sunday Catechism 4:00 PM – Area Reformation Service at St. Paul	30 6:30 PM – Communion Service	31 6:30 PM – ESL Class				