



# The Messenger

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

October, 2022

## Fall's Effects

— Pastor Ben Enstad

“Oi, it got cold out!” You’ve probably heard a lot of people say that lately. Living in the Midwest, we are blessed to have all four seasons — though some don’t feel it’s a blessing. What about you? With cooler temperatures, leaves changing, harvests ripening, daylight waning, and energy bills increasing, we sense very vividly the changing seasons, and we have opportunity to reflect.

Fall reminds us of The Fall. Adam and Eve ruined a perfect world and, far worse, their perfect relationship with God. We see how deeply The Fall’s ruin extended when the Flood, a world-wide cataclysmic event (worse than a world-wide hurricane), needed to occur because The Fall’s effects were about to destroy the world spiritually!

Sometimes we wonder if the world can get any worse than it is today. Well... yes...it can. And yes...it will.

Weather events, natural disasters, and other effects of sin will grow in frequency and intensity, because God tells us that this world is subject to decay (Mt. 24). But it is mankind’s wickedness, including our own, about which we must be more concerned. God will destroy this world again on the Last Day, not with a flood, but with his holy fire. And he will do this because of mankind’s sin. He must do it because of our sin. A big difference between The Flood and the Last Day is that none of this will be left. This world and universe as we know it will be destroyed...

...but then also made new. A creation free of pain, sorrow, decay, even death!

We have a share in that new creation, effected by the same grace shown to Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, not because he was better than his

neighbors. Noah was a righteous man, because God had made him righteous through the gift of faith. God filled Noah’s heart with his promises: the promise to preserve him and his family; the promise to give them the strength needed not only to spend years building the ark, but also the spiritual strength to endure the ridicule of a world that had no use for God until it was too late; most importantly of all, God had given the all-sustaining promise of the Savior.

Friends, these are the same promises your gracious God has made to you! Jesus has destroyed sin and death for you, removed the eternal prison sentence of hell from your account, and given you his righteousness and the promise of a new creation — free of pain, sorrow, decay, even death. You will live together with him forever in the glories of heaven.

For now, we wait. We wait like Noah waited. While all human life, save eight, had been wiped from the face of the earth, Noah still waited and put his trust in the Lord. Though now the world would be different, with changing seasons, Noah put his hope in the Lord who does not change. Though the earth was nearly void of all life, Noah still gave thanks to the Lord.

There is no greater offering mere humans ever have and ever could give God than what Noah offered that day they came out of the ark. Noah trusted that even as seasons changed and the world’s life seemed in jeopardy, God’s promises would never fail. And then God gave that beautiful promise to Noah and the whole world: *“Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. As long as*

*the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”*

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Genesis 8:22



— Genesis 8:21-22

Friends, as you witness the changing seasons, let it be a reminder to you of God’s promises to you. The seasons will come and go even with the decay of sin and the damage we inflict, reminding us we will always have this planet as our home until the end of time. Planting and harvest will continue even when famines and droughts come and go, reminding us that God will always give us our daily bread. And finally, day and night will never cease until our heavenly Father brings us safely home to heaven into his eternal day and glorious renewed creation!

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### **Area Reformation Service — Sunday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.**

On Sunday, October 30, 4:00 p.m., we will be able to enjoy again a WELS Area Reformation Service, with participation from singers and instrumentalists from area WELS churches. The service will be held at First Lutheran Church (743 S Monroe Ave, Green Bay). We are pleased to welcome Pastor Aaron Mueller of St. Paul, Howards Grove, as our guest preacher. After the service First Lutheran will host a dinner in their fellowship hall. They will provide main dishes, but they ask anybody who is willing to please bring an appetizer or dessert. We praise the Lord that he turns the tables on false teaching and gives us peace in his truth of salvation by grace alone.

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### **Special Service to Recognize Pastor Zabell's 25 years in the Ministry — Sunday, October 23, 3:00 p.m.**

It is with thanks and praise to God that a special worship service to celebrate Pastor Zabell's 25th anniversary in the public ministry is being planned for October 23, 3:00 p.m., with a broasted chicken/potluck dinner and reception to follow. Watch for more details as plans are finalized.

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### **Voters Meetings in October**

- **A special call meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.,** to call for teacher positions that need to be filled at St. Paul School for the 2023-2024 school year. Pray that the Lord allows these positions to be filled quickly.
- **A regular Quarterly Voters Meeting** voters is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, between services (9:15 a.m.) in the fellowship hall. Come for reports and updates on our ministries.



## OCTOBER EVENTS

## Built on the Rock Update

On September 13, 2022, we saw the first visible signs that our Built on the Rock program is underway. The parsonage of St. Paul was demolished, along with the garage next to it. This was the third parsonage in our congregation's 139 year history. The house was dedicated in 1955 and has been home to five pastors and their families since then. The garage was built by our own members around two decades ago. We give thanks to the Lord for all the ways this home has served as a blessing to our pastors and our congregation these past 65 years. We praise him for the abundant opportunities we're seeing for expanding the reach of our gospel ministry in both our church and school. Our two-phase building program will mean more classrooms, expanded narthex, better accessibility, dedicated program space, new offices, and improved security.

### Project Timeline

What's next?

This fall, a new driveway will replace the current driveway from Clay St. into our church parking lot. The new driveway will be located just south of the current driveway, in order to make room for our newly located playground. Our playground will be moved to its new location near the southeast corner of our gym. A new gym exit will be added.

Winter months will involve a lot of behind-the-scenes work.

Construction of our new classrooms and offices will begin as early as possible in the spring of 2023.

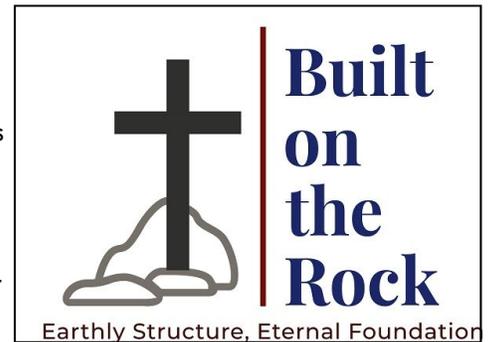
The projected completion of phase 1 of our project (classrooms, offices, basement) is Christmas of 2023.

The second phase of the project will be the construction of a new narthex. Our goal will be to embark and complete that second phase as soon as we are able.

### Financial Update

Our congregation has offered generous support

for this program. As reported by our building committee chairman after our services on September 11, we've received about \$742K in commitments. Of that amount, we've received about \$448K in gifts. Our construction loan has been approved pending final appraisal, and our contract with our construction company has been signed. Please continue to pray for our *Built on the Rock* program, that it may provide us the space needed to reach many more souls with the gospel of our Savior for generations to come.



Parsonage Demolition

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## School News

— Principal Stephen Miller



The school year is underway and as we feel the air cool a bit and see 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 overflowing hope we have in the knowledge that Jesus Christ is our Savior. He has died and risen for all of us, so that we can rest assured in the knowledge of our salvation. Every week, we get to do this in chapel. Recently, we made the switch in chapel from sitting by grade level groups to BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) groups and have had the opportunity to see our older students model appropriate church behaviors for the younger students. It is truly wonderful

to watch the mixed age groups singing hymns side by side.

Students at St. Paul are getting the opportunity to explore God's wonderful creation. On September 20, 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 22 our Kindergarten students went on an adventure to Barkhausen. On September 23 our 5th and 6th grade students went to Ledge View Nature Center to learn more about caves and geology. On September 27 our 3K/4K students visited BerryLand in Abrams to pick pumpkins and go on a Hayride. On September 29, our 1st and 2nd grade students took a field trip to Woodland Dunes to learn more



FVL STEM Competition

about Wisconsin wildlife. And finally, on September 30, our 3rd and 4th grade students went to the NEW Zoo to learn about habitats and environments.

Our school enjoys a wonderful connection with families. On September 9 we held our annual Game Night. Staff and parents got to share some of their favorite family games with other families, and we enjoyed pizza together. We will have Grandparents day on October 7 with an

opportunity to connect more deeply with our extended 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) if you are interested in 1 (or more) please stop by the office during school hours or contact Mrs. Brittany Rivers.

Family Game Night



## LWMS News

**The LWMS Paperland Circuit 2022 Fall Rally** is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 15, at Living Water Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. In addition to the Business Meeting and Speaker's presentation, we will also celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the LWMS Paperland Circuit. 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: "Immeasurably More"
- Speaker: Pastor Ben Enstad, Chairman of the Northern Wisconsin Mission Board

**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 2023 LWMS Convention in

La Crosse, WI. The recipients need to be in attendance at the Paperland Circuit Fall Rally when the selections are made.

### **LWMS 2022 Convention and Taste of Missions:**

Worship services, presentations, and recipes are archived and available for viewing. Visit [LWMS.org](http://LWMS.org) and [tasteofmissions.com](http://tasteofmissions.com).

### **CAMM Pill Bottle Donations:**

Thank you to all who have been donating pill bottles, I plan to send more shipments of the pill bottles to the Central Africa Medical Mission this month.

### **Pill bottle requirements:**

- Size = 3" x 1"-1 1/4".
- No label or adhesive (can't be sticky) on the outside.
- Must be washed.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2023 Spring Rally on April 22 at St. Paul, Appleton, co-hosting with St. Paul, Dale.

- 2023 ~ 60th Annual LWMS Convention, June 22-25, 2023 ~ Hosted by the Crow River and Rock River Circuits at the La Crosse Convention Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2023 Fall Rally, date is TBD, but it will be held at Beautiful Savior, Green Bay
- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2024 Spring Rally. Our President-Elect is looking for a congregation to host.
- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2024 Fall Rally, date is TBD, but it will be held at St. Matthew w/ Eternal Love as co-host.

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

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## Trunk or Treat on October 22

**Trunk or Treat is coming** on October 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Want to sponsor a trunk? Want to donate candy? Decorate your car if you'd like, bring it to church, and hand out candy to kids as they safely trick or treat from car to car in our church parking lot. It's a great way for us to connect with each other and with people in our city, with the end goal of sharing the message of Jesus with everyone! Invite a friend! Sign up is online (see the E-News) or contact the office.



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## Wisconsin Lutheran College Celebrates 50 Years of God's Grace

Wisconsin Lutheran College, affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is a Lutheran liberal arts college. Rooted in the person and work of Christ, motivated by the gospel, and shaped by the enduring Word of God, WLC strives to instruct and nurture students in the Christian faith, academic excellence, attitudes of vocation in God's world, Christian service, and humble leadership.

This fall the college embarked on its 50th year of preparing Christian servant leaders for a world in great need. A record enrollment of freshmen students replaces the largest class of seniors in WLC history; they graduated in May. WLC President, Dr. Daniel Johnson, says, "As I reflect on 50 years, it's just one massive story of God's amazing grace."

Events to celebrate God's grace took place on Saturday, September 10, and included an anniversary worship service, a campus-wide open house with tours and activities, and athletic contests.

If you are interested in learning more about Wisconsin Lutheran College, you can go to their website ([wlc.edu](http://wlc.edu)) or pick up the latest edition of Wisconsin Lutheran College Magazine in the narthex.

**2022**  
*- That We May Know -*  
CLR NATIONAL CONVENTION  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 // 9:30AM-3:00PM  
KETTLE MORAINÉ LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL // JACKSON, WI  
[CHRISTIANLIFERESOURCES.COM](http://CHRISTIANLIFERESOURCES.COM)

**THAT WE MAY KNOW** — Over both the last few years and the last few months many Christians have found themselves “in the dark” as they realized how much they didn’t know about certain important things happening in our world.

There is a lot that our loving Lord offers to bring us comfort and confidence, to help us better make our way through and communicate with the troubled world we live in. We therefore invite you to attend “That We May Know,” the 2022 National Convention of Christian Life Resources.

**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 (801 Hoffman Rd.). Please join us on October 11, 8:30 a.m., for good food and chitchat. If you have questions, please email Dennis or Liz Oberer at [doberer@new.rr.com](mailto:doberer@new.rr.com).

Worship Theme  
for  
October



Lord,  
increase  
our faith.



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.

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## One Hundred Missions in Ten Years — Get Involved!

Dear Friend of Missions,

"How can I help?" is a question God leads us to ask when we see somebody in need. We also ponder this question when we see lost souls in need of spiritual help. The answer: We can all help reach souls with the hope of Jesus as part of our synod's *100 Missions in 10 Years* initiative to plant 100 new home missions and enhance 75 existing ministries from 2023-2033.



**Pray!** Lord Jesus, you assure us that you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Grant wisdom, perseverance, and joy to all involved in this effort. Move us to see and do our part in spreading the gospel so that more may know your saving peace—all to your glory. Amen.

**Get involved!** If you see a potential mission opportunity, talk with your pastor and church leaders. Seek the advice of your district's **mission board** [*Ahem... Pastor Enstad is the chairman*]. Maybe your congregation will help plant the next home mission! Encourage young men and women to consider full-time ministry and pray for more called workers. Talk with fellow members about the privilege we have in reaching those who don't know Jesus with the gospel and provide them with regular updates about the synod's work.

**Give generously!** God's generosity has resulted in the riches of forgiveness, peace, joy, and hope being given to you. As you ponder these immeasurable riches, consider responding with a [gift](#) that shares these blessings with others.

Working together as brothers and sisters across the synod, we can help! Let's see how God uses our efforts to reach more lost souls.

Serving him,  
Pastor Mark Gabb  
Chairman, WELS Board for Home Missions



Learn more about 100 Missions in 10 Years at  
[wels100in10.net](http://wels100in10.net)



You can also read mission stories from people like Paul Moronczyk, a member at Palabra de Vida Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan. Paul says:

*"God's heart is not blind acceptance or angry threats—it's forgiveness and love, and his grace rules. That's what I've found in the Lutheran church."*

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



## October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>8am Communion Service</b> - 3K, 4K & 5K Sing <b>9:15am Bible Hour</b> <b>10:30am Communion Service</b> 11:45am Catechism Class	3:30pm Volleyball / Soccer Practice <b>6:30pm Service</b>	9:00am Video Devotion with Pastor Zabell 1:00pm Ladies Aid 4:00pm Home Games 6:30pm ESL Classes 6:30pm Evangelism Committee	6:00am Bible Study 8:30am Womens Bible Study 4:30pm S/VB Away Games 6:30pm Church Choir Practice 7:30pm Prayer at the Close of Day	9:00am Bible Study 3:30pm Volleyball Practice 4:00pm Family Soccer Game 6:00pm TTF meeting 6:30pm ESL Classes	7:30am Grandparents Day <b>8:20 School Chapel</b> 9:00am Video Devotion with Pastor Enstad	B Team Volleyball Tournament - Emanuel, New London
<b>9am Service - Jr. Choir Sing</b> <b>9:15am Bible Hour</b> <b>10:30am Service</b> 11:45am Catechism Class	3:30pm Volleyball - A Team Practice 5:30pm PTO Meeting <b>6:30pm Service</b>	8:30am Fellowship Breakfast 9:00am Video Devotion with Pastor Zabell 6:00pm Board of Stewardship 6:30pm Board of Education 6:30pm ESL Classes 7:00pm Board of Elders	6:00am Bible Study <b>8:20am School Chapel</b> 8:30am Womens Bible Study 3:30pm A Volleyball Practice	Ambrosious Picture Retake Day 9:00am Bible Study 3:30pm A Volleyball Practice 6:30pm ESL Classes	End of Quarter 1 9:00am Video Devotion with Pastor Enstad 4:00pm Food Pantry	FVWAL A-VB Tournament- FVL, Appleton
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