



The Messenger

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

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No Other Gospel

— Pastor Jon Zabell

Paul wrote to the Galatian Christians:

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ, and our turning to a different gospel - which is really no gospel at all”

— Galatians 1:6, 7

The Apostle Paul had seen a lot of things in his lifetime, but it floored him to hear that the Galatian Christians of his day were letting the gospel slip through their fingers. They had just come to faith. They knew and believed the *gospel*, the good news that Jesus, the Savior had taken all their sins away. But now they were giving air time in their congregations to a group of false teachers who came to throw them into confusion.

Paul doesn't give the false teachers the honor of naming them. He says, “Some people are throwing you into confusion.” But we know those people to be a group called *Judaizers*. Judaizers believed Jesus was the promised Messiah. They just didn't believe that faith in him was enough to save anyone. They thought that people also had to do certain things, too. Specifically, people needed to keep doing the Old Testament Laws that were no longer in effect -- things like circumcision and avoiding certain kinds of food. It sounded good to people who still loved those old laws. To them, it seemed like this was a new and improved kind of gospel. They could have Jesus and take credit for obeying

the old laws.

Paul made it clear this was not new and improved. He said that what they were hearing was (v. 7) “no gospel at all.” Once you add anything to God's *GIFT* of forgiveness and eternal life, even just a little bit of something, then it's not a gift anymore. It's not grace. And it's not the gospel.

Do we ever try to add something to the gospel? Well, not on paper. By God's grace we teach it right. We teach that Jesus did it all. We teach that there's nothing left for us to do. We teach that we are saved by faith alone, and that even our faith is a gift from God through his Word and Sacraments. But in our sinful nature, we keep getting it wrong. When we make a good change in our lives, it's easy to feel like we've earned something in heaven's record books. *Look at me, Lord, I started my devotion schedule back up again! Or... I'm helping a needy person! Or... I'm being generous, or selfless, or chaste, or pure!* Our sinful pride desperately wants recognition and reward, even if that means we have to set the gospel temporarily aside to get it. We want to believe we've earned it.

Through his apostle Paul, the Lord has something to say to anyone who wants to add anything to the gospel good news of Jesus. He says, “Let them be eternally condemned!” We do well to say it, too, to the sinful nature that still clings to



us. All the more clearly, then, can we listen to the pure gospel, the Spirit-filled message that comes with no strings attached. The news God has for us is so good, it can't be improved upon! Listen, fellow sinner. Jesus has taken all your sins away -- period.

Father, help me to remember that I am yours, and help me to follow your will. Amen.

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A Letter to the Congregation

Dear members of St. Paul,

Thank you for your generous support, prayers, and encouragement as I continue my education at MLC. I will be starting my junior year this fall semester.

For five weeks this summer I lived Buenos Aires, Argentina for the MLC Spanish Immersion trip. I took classes, expanding my vocabulary, and improving my Spanish speaking and writing skills. Most afternoons, we either had group tours or free time to explore the city. In addition, I made relationships with other MLC students and with my professors. I liked how Buenos Aires had many restaurants, shops, and parks. Some of my favorite places were the Japanese Gardens, Teatro (Theater) Colon, and a horse ranch. For a day, we also traveled to La Colonia, Uruguay where we explored and relaxed from the busy city life in Buenos Aires. I also enjoyed walking around the markets, where there were handicrafts, jewelry, food, and souvenirs. I am grateful for this opportunity to experience a different culture and to learn more about their history. This trip definitely increased my confidence and my passion for Spanish.

I look forward to continuing my elementary and Spanish education at MLC this fall.

Your sister in Christ,
Sylvia Lauth



Sylvia's group in Argentina and one of her professors



Sylvia's roommate from MLC and their host family in Buenos Aires

Did you notice that there are no Call Letters or Call Updates on page 2 this month? For the first time in a long time, we are fully staffed and have no call news to share. Praise and thanks to God for his provision and for faithful workers who preach and teach his Word!

Get to Know Pastor Ben Enstad

Pastor Benjamin Enstad was born and raised by Mr. and Mrs. Jon Enstad in Minnesota on the north side of the Twin Cities. Pastor Enstad is the oldest of six. Pastor's home congregation is Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids, MN. It was here that he attended the church's Lutheran Elementary School. He attended Luther Preparatory School, graduating in 2001. He was classmates and friends with his future wife, Amber Ireland, who was a "townie" and lived just outside of Watertown in Lebanon, WI. LPS opened Pastor Enstad's eyes to the possibility of being a pastor.

Pastor Enstad graduated from Martin Luther College in 2005. It was during their time at MLC that Pastor and Amber began dating, and were engaged near the end of their senior year. Pastor continued on at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary while Amber finished her fifth year at MLC completing the required studies for a major in Early Childhood Education.

After Pastor's first year at the Seminary and Amber's

completion of her college studies, they were married on June 3, 2006 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, WI. Pastor and Amber spent their vicar year at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rice Lake, WI. Pastor was blessed to learn under the tutelage of Rev. Jeff Seelow, and the Enstads still enjoy the friendship of Pastor Seelow and his wife, Peg.

After his final year at WLS, Pastor Enstad was assigned to serve St. John Lutheran Church in Valmy, WI just north of Sturgeon Bay. He has served St. John the last 13 years before accepting the call to St. Paul.

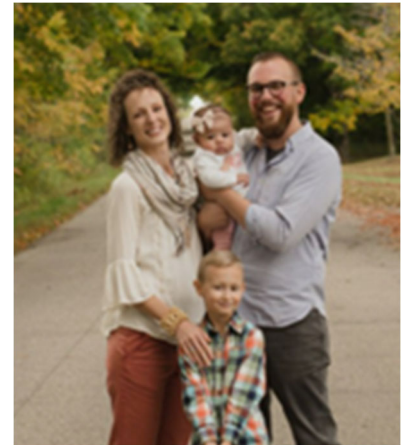
In 2015, Pastor and Amber adopted their son, Asher, who turns 7 next month. After 3.5 years of trying to adopt again, strewn with 9 failed connections, God snuck their daughter, Celia, across the finish line when their adoption contract was about to expire. Asher was born in Chippewa Falls, WI. Celia was born in Walterboro, SC just over a year ago. God blessed Pastor and Amber to have been able to bring both of them

home straight from the hospital after their births.

Celia is a rambunctious one-year-old. If you notice worship is a bit noisier, that will be Celia either squealing with joy or growling out her monster voice (often switching between the two in the same breath). She is a bit cautious, but as soon as she's comfortable, she will shower you with attention and love.

Asher is a very observant boy who never stops moving and loves being outside, either mowing the lawn, farming, or digging in his "quarry." If you want Asher to perk up, start talking about tractors. He is looking forward to his dad installing some "turf" in his bedroom for him to farm with all his tractors and implements.

Amber is currently a stay-at-home mom, devoting her time to her family. She loves crafting, cooking from scratch and getting outside to garden and to explore creation with her kiddos. Amber is calm, thorough, and a tender heart



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(especially for little kids). Before they adopted their children, Amber worked for Wisconsin Early Autism Project (W.E.A.P) as a line therapist for children with autism.

Pastor Enstad describes himself as a bit of a jack of all trades and master of none. He enjoys hunting, fishing, going to the range, wrenching, woodworking and anything to do with cars. He also enjoys the arts, is a bit of a gastro-snob, and enjoys history

books on Audible. Chances are good that there's at least one thing on which you can relate. He looks forward to getting to know all of you and being God's servant to bring you closer to your Savior, Jesus.

Welcome the Enstads: A basket for cards and gifts for Pastor Enstad and his family will be in the narthex for the next several weeks. Please join to give them a warm welcome.

Built on the Rock Update:

On Sunday, June 12th, the voters of St. Paul approved the recommendation of the Built on the Rock Steering Committee and the Church Council to move forward with our whole project in phases.

Phase One will see the construction of the office and classroom wing with the basement portion under that wing; construction will begin as soon as possible. Phase Two will be the construction of the narthex/gathering space and the lower level of that space and will be completed as soon as we can, following the completion of Phase One.

The path we've set for ourselves won't be easy. It will require sacrifice. But the sacrifice is one we as a congregation have chosen to make, knowing how much we are loved by God our Savior, and also how much this project will mean for many souls for many years to come. Under his blessing, together, we can do it.

We are thankful for the careful planning and congregational conversation that has taken place to this point, and for the generous support already received. These are exciting times at St. Paul. Please continue to pray for the Built on the Rock Project, and for all that it will mean for the gospel efforts of our congregation.

Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

— Matthew 7:24



July, 2022

School News

Overflow with Hope: The FVL theme for this year is *Overflow with Hope* based on Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." We look forward to sharing this hope with your children every day of the upcoming school year. May the rest of your summer be filled with His eternal joy and peace.

Registration folders will be available for pick-up starting Sunday, July 17. You may pick them up after church services or between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during the week.

Installation of our new Principal, Stephen Miller, and 3rd grade teacher, Hope Loescher, will take place in the 10:30 service on Sunday, August 14 (That's also our Church Picnic/Block Party Day). Come and give them your support.

School Cleaning: We're doing a deep-clean of school classrooms and hallways during the month of July. We may get to the fellowship hall and other areas of the building if we have enough volunteers to help. If you can offer a couple of hours on a Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, or a week-night, please contact Becky Conard (beckyrconard@gmail.com). She can answer questions and supply more details.



Scrip News: The new Scrip year has started as of June 1, 2022. Don't forget to take Scrip with you shopping or have on hand as you order online! Scrip is available from the office during regular office hours this summer, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are not registered for online purchasing, please contact either Marie Haskins, or Lisa Ziegert, for more information. It is easy to set up and then you can order whenever!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

JULY 25-29

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Registration is open now for children ages 3-12
Sign up at: vbsmate.com/stpaulgreenbay
...or pick up registration forms at church



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LWMS News

The 2022 59th Annual LWMS Virtual Convention was held, June 23-26 in Rochester, NY. The Convention statistics haven't yet been published, but worship services and presentations that were live-streamed are available for viewing by visiting LWMS.org. Click the "59th Annual Convention" logo, and select "livestream". Watch for more Convention details in the August newsletter.

SAVE THE DATES:

- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2022 Fall Rally on October 15 at Living Water, Oshkosh.
- 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.

May GOD continue to bless the efforts of our Missionaries and the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS).

Lisa Koenig
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An Important Lutheran Anniversary

The WELS Historical Institute invites you to join a celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America on Sunday, July 10, 2:00 p.m. In 1872 six Lutheran synods (WELS, ELS, and LCMS among them) joined together in full church fellowship in the Synodical Conference. To mark this anniversary, there will be a service of thanksgiving at 2:00 p.m. (Prof. em. Dr. Mark Braun from WLC will preach), and a presentation on the founding at 3:00 p.m., by Pastor Peter Prange of New Life Lutheran Church, Kenosha. You will be surprised by what brought the Lutherans together and how they confessed the faith once entrusted to the saints. Festivities will be held at St. John's in Milwaukee (804 W Vliet St), which was the location of the original founding in 1872.

Quick Notes:

WELS & ELS Singles Retreat — November 11-13, 2022 at Camp Phillip: Did you know that November 11 is International Singles Day? We invite you to join us at the 2022 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat from November 11-13, at Camp Phillip, for a weekend of fun and fellowship. For more information about the event and to register check out our webpage: wels-els-singles.com/2022-retreat

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 July 12, 8:30 a.m., for good food and chitchat. If you have questions, please email Dennis or Liz Oberer at doberer@new.rr.com.



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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Cameroon Seminary Graduates Seven

May 27, 2022, was an amazing day for our brothers and sisters in Cameroon. Amidst celebrations that reached across Africa, the Lutheran Church of Cameroon graduated seven men into the full-time work of the holy ministry.

In 2016 the LCC identified 14 men to begin ministerial training. They were men with a reasonable level of education, a Spirit-led love for the Lord, and some years of service as laymen in their congregations.

There were, of course, losses along the way. A few students left the program for valid reasons. A political crisis made it unsafe for the men to be together and caused the loss of an entire year of classroom studies. The same crisis made it impossible for WELS missionary Dan Kroll to do any face-to-face teaching in the final three years of the five-year program.

Although the devil uses such things to try to discourage us, we endure with the knowledge that the Lord is refining us as he promised through Jeremiah (9:7): "I will refine and test them." The Holy Spirit was refining well for the gain of the Lord's church, so that seven men were able to complete the course to prepare them for full-time ministry. The LCC's teachers have grounded these men in God's Word and prepared them to shepherd the Lord's flocks in Cameroon. The Lord has strengthened each of them to face the challenges of his unique ministry.

The names of the graduates are Solomon Anim, Jean-Jacques Dooh, Nicole Epie, Ferdinand Fomenyam, Thomas Ngalame, Vincent Ngalame, and David Tembuc. They essentially double the LCC's ministerium. Please pray for them and for their ministries.

One of the LCC's other pastors, Gervase Ngalame, is moving to the seminary campus to assist in training the next group of men for the ministry. Currently, Pastors Mathias Abumbi, Joseph Njume, Daniel Muankume, Julius Njume, Barnabbas Ngalame, and Fon George are serving as full-time congregational shepherds.

We give thanks to God for the addition of these seven men. The Lord has reminded us that he is watching over his church in Cameroon!



Moments with Missionaries

Rev. Jeremy Cares is a home missionary at The Shore, Parrish, FL. On June 5, they held their grand opening worship service at a rented golf clubhouse. Hear more about the gospel outreach being done and opportunities at The Shore Lutheran Church in a *Moments with Missionaries* video from Taste of Missions 2022.

Watch Moments with Missionaries videos at tasteofmissions.com/mwm.



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

July 2022

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