



The Messenger

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

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God Word Endures

— Pastor Ben Enstad

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

—Isaiah 40:8

Someone said to me the other day, “It feels like July!” I responded, “I think this has been better than July!” Of course, we were talking about the weather we’ve had the last few weeks. Personally, I can’t think of better weather than clear skies, upper 70s to low 80s and no humidity. Fall has come, but it doesn’t really feel like it yet.

That said, it still looks like it. Because it has finally dried out after such a wet spring and most of summer, the grass is withering. And although different varieties of flowers come and go, leaves are falling to the ground. Even if the temperatures don’t feel very fall-like, the signs in God’s creation are still there.

Now, whether your favorite season is fall or not, I hope that this season causes God’s promise to strike your mind and heart as it does mine. Long ago, the Lord spoke through Isaiah: **“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”**

As beautiful as fall can be, it’s also the sign that the dead of winter is coming. Yes, many plants are not dying, only transferring into a state of dormancy, but there are plants that just outright die. Either way, this wasn’t the progression God intended for his creation. Plants weren’t going to die except when consumed by people and animals. The sea-

son of fall is also a reminder of the Fall into sin.

And as we look into our own hearts and lives, we must confess with the hymn writer: “...change and decay in all around I see...” (CW 783). And so we plea with him just the same, “O Lord, abide with me!”

And he most certainly does! The Lord abides with us in every season of the year even as he is with us in every season of life. How? Because **“...the word of our God endures forever.”** And what is that Word, but the incarnate Word, our Lord Jesus Christ! (John 1:1ff.) God’s promises in Christ of loving care, forgiveness of sins and life eternal endure for you personally into eternity!

If the green grass of worldly wealth seems to wither from your bank accounts, remember that you are citizens of the kingdom of heaven, and you have a Father who knows your needs and provides according to his good will and plan.

If your sin leaves you feeling like petals falling from your heart of faith, turn to him who gives you life. Drink deeply from the nourishing sap of the gospel and be renewed in your faith by the forgiveness of sins.

If you find yourself in the fall, even the winter of life, and death’s approach leaves you feeling cold and abandoned, abandon yourself on Christ whose body grew cold and lifeless in death so that



eternal life would be breathed into your glorified body on the Last Day.

Whether you enjoy fall or not, let the signs of fall remind you of the undying promise of God that **“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”**

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Reformation 2024 Celebrates the First Lutheran Hymnal



Original cover of Etlich Cristlich Lider

Can you decipher the Roman numeral dating? MDXIII = 1524

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the first Lutheran hymnal, *Etlich Cristlich Lider*, also known as *Achtliederbuch* (Eight Song Book). Hymns by Martin Luther, Paul Speratus, and Justus Jonas were compiled, and the small collection was published in early 1524. The goal of these writings was to provide songs for worship based on sound Biblical teaching and written in the language of the people (German) rather than the language of the Church (Latin). Half of the hymns have remained in use through the centuries and are included in our current hymnal, with some updated translations and different melodies.

How will we mark this anniversary?

- **Bible Hour Presentation:** Learn more about the first Lutheran hymnal in a special Bible Hour presentation on Sunday, October 13, 9:15 a.m., in the fellowship hall. Peter will share the history and guide you through the eight hymns included.
- The September issue of *Forward in Christ* magazine included an article on the 1524 hymnal by Pastor Michael Schultz, director of the 2021 hymnal project. A few copies are still available in the narthex.
- **Area Reformation Service:** St. Paul again hosts this year's Green Bay area celebration of the Lutheran Reformation on the afternoon of October 27, 4:00 p.m. Worship will include many of the hymns from the 1524 hymnal to mark this anniversary year. Pastor Mark Tiefel, who serves at Emmanuel Lutheran in New London, is the preacher. Special music from our Junior Choir, Praise Chimes, Church Choir, and instrumentalists adds to the celebration. We sing of the Lord's great love forever!

The Need for Followership continues in October

Jesus Christ is the leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. And his leadership is perfect in every way. Therefore, when things are amiss in any of those arenas, what is needed is not better leadership, but better followership. In this series, we ask Christ to empower us with his Spirit so that we might better follow his lead. May we better reflect the beauty of his life, better make his priorities our own, and better serve our God and neighbor. Our worship follows this path.

Worship Themes for October:

- October 6** — Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Followers of Christ Know How to Love Their Families
- October 13** — Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: Tell the Next Generation Kick-Off Sunday
- October 20** — Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: Followers of Christ Make Selfless Sacrifices
- October 27** — Twenty-Third after Pentecost: Followers of Christ See the Savior

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Tell the Next Generation

— Pastor Jon Zabell



Our first phase of construction is done, and our church family has given generously toward that work by means of our three-year Built on the Rock program. Now, phase 2 of our construction is on the horizon. How will we move from phase 1 into phase 2? Our new three-year plan is designed to bring us closer. It's called **Tell the Next Generation**. What does the plan entail? How will it help us get to phase 2? What's blessings will phase 2 bring? Many of you have already attended an informational meeting to find out. For those who haven't done so yet, it's not too late. Register by calling our church office (920) 435-8468 or visiting our website, stpaulgreenbay.com. The last meeting takes place on October 8.

Then, it's time to kick off our three-year plan. Tell the Next Generation officially kicks off on **Sunday, October 13**. In special services that weekend we'll remember how the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord shine brightly for each of us: at his cross our Savior Jesus Christ has covered our sinfulness with his righteousness; at his empty tomb he opened heaven to us and promised us eternal life. In Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit daily cleanses us of our sins and feeds our faith. On October 13, everyone will have an opportunity to support our church family's efforts to tell the next generation his praiseworthy deeds: with our prayers, our commitments, and our gifts. Confident in our Savior's great love for us, we move confidently into the future, trusting him to bless us. I look forward to celebrating with you on October 13!

St. Paul Book of the Month: *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp

What kind of family pictures do you show the world? It's the nice ones, the cute ones, the silly ones. Why never the messy ones? The pictures we often share don't show the whole story. They don't show the reality of what parenting often is because we are sinners raising sinners. This is important for you to understand about me, or anyone else you look at who you might think has it all together as a family or as a parent.

Apart from pictures you share online or with family and friends, what is your picture of successful parenting? It can't be just control of behavior, or that children will finally behave. If this is all it is, we're trying to accomplish what even pagans can potentially accomplish. While it is noble and good to want our kids to grow into well-adjusted productive members of society, they need something more if this is going to mean anything at all. They need something more if we want our parenting to have a positive eternal impact. It needs to be heart-focused.

This month's book helps to do just that. It's my favorite parenting book. It's not so much a "how to when...", though that is present. This book is heart-focused. It is focused on your heart as a parent so that you can be heart-focused for your child.

Paul David Tripp does an excellent job of applying law and gospel to our hearts as parents. Some of the reading will be painful as he exposes some of the greatest flaws/sins in our parenting. But those terrible accusations are always escorted by God's grace and forgiveness. Tripp constantly brings us back to the grace and cross of Christ.

I have developed a seminar for the *Men of His Word* conference on the topic of parenting making use of this book. I intend to flesh that out into multiple sessions, which we will hold right here at St. Paul in the not too distant future. Before then, why don't you get a head start and borrow this book from our church library. Better yet. Buy it for yourself. After the Bible, I think, if there is one parenting book to have on your shelf and read again and again, this is it. Find the healing and encouragement you need in these 14 gospel principles.

— Pastor Ben Enstad

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School News

— Principal Stephen Miller

Our FVL theme for the year, 'Rejoice in the Lord,' is more than just a phrase. In October, we are focusing on how we Rejoice in God's Word. We know that God's Word helps us come to know who he is and his love. I pray that you and your family find time to get into God's Word this month.

Students at St. Paul are getting the opportunity to explore God's wonderful creation. On September 19, our Kindergarten students visited Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve. Our 4th graders headed to Fox Valley Lutheran on September 25, for a field day. Finally, our 5th and 6th-grade students had the opportunity to travel to Ledgeview Nature Center on September 27, to see and learn about many of the geological formations in our area.

Our school values its strong connection with families! On September 13, we hosted our annual Family Game Night, where staff and parents shared their favorite family games while enjoying pizza together. On September 25, we held Donuts with Dad, which provided another wonderful opportunity to strengthen our school community. Our PTO has kicked off the year with impressive engagement and involvement. Their first fundraiser, featuring Seroogy's candy bars, is currently underway, and we've already enjoyed our first fundraiser night at Happy Joe's Pizza. Keep an eye on the bulletin for updates on how you can get involved with our school in the future!

Family Game Night
(bottom left)

Kindergarteners at
Barkhausen (bottom right)



Fellowship Breakfast: All are welcome to hang out with other St. Paul friends at 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 8, 8:30 a.m.

The October Ladies Aid meeting is Tuesday, October 1, 1:00 in p.m., in the Ministry Center Conference Room (outside the new elevator). Bring your artistic creativity, because we will be making Fall cards. All ladies of our congregation are invited to attend.

LWMS News

LWMS Paperland Circuit Fall Rally is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 12, at St. Matthew, Appleton, with Eternal Love, Appleton as co-hosts. The theme is: "SHARING LOVE TO SHARE JESUS" and the speakers are Gary & Beth Evans with the Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM). Childcare will be provided. Some special opportunities at this Rally: 1. Donations will be accepted for "The Hope Center", which is located at St. Matthews. 2. St. Matthews has a new organ, so there will be pre-Rally music and an organ demonstration after the Rally. Parking is very limited, so carpool if possible. For more details on the Rally and "The Hope Center" donations requested, visit the LWMS table in the school hallway, outside of the narthex. If you did not register, but are now available to attend, please do not hesitate to attend. Men are also welcome to attend. It is a great way to start your weekend!

Send One Sister (SOS) applications are available on the LWMS table, located in the school hallway, outside of the narthex. Confirmed WELS women who have never attended an LWMS

Convention can apply to receive a grant to offset the cost of attending the 2025 LWMS Convention in Tulsa, OK. The recipient(s) will be selected at the LWMS Paperland Circuit Fall Rally, and you must be in attendance to be awarded the grant.

LWMS 2025 Convention Busing opportunities: The LWMS Paperland and Beaver Dam Circuits are working to offer a bus to the LWMS 2025 Convention in Tulsa, OK. There are details for this bus are on the LWMS table, located in the school hallway, outside of the narthex. There is also a link to the information in the September 26 St. Paul E-News. Tom's Christian Tours will have a bus going to the Convention. 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 if multiple buses are needed and the pricing of the bus.

Planning way ahead, our congregation will host the LWMS Paperland Circuit 2025 Fall Rally. The last

time we hosted an LWMS Paperland Circuit Rally was in 2016. Hosting a Rally is a big effort, so we will be looking for many volunteers. More details will come as the date approaches.

SAVE THE DATES:

- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2024 Fall Rally, October 12, at St. Matthew, Appleton. Eternal Love, Appleton will co-host.
- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2025 Spring Rally, April 5th, at Martin Luther, Neenah. Grace, Neenah will co-host.
- LWMS 2025 62st Annual LWMS Convention, June 26-29, 2025. Hosted by Mid-America Circuit in Tulsa, OK. More details to come...
- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2025 Fall Rally, October 11, at St. Paul, Green Bay.

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

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Also in October



- **Trunk or Treat 2024 is on Saturday, October 19, 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 or volunteer through the QR code at the right.
- **Quarterly Congregational Meeting:** Between services on October 27 is one of our regular meetings of the congregation. All are invited for updates about our St. Paul ministries. Stay informed.
- **Youth Hide and Seek:** Teens (8th grade-high school) are invited to a fellowship event at St. Paul on Saturday, October 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m. We'll start with food for body and soul, followed by rounds of Hide and Seek (with some irregular twists) through the buildings. You are welcome to bring a friend who is not a member of St. Paul. Please let Mr. Schaeve know that you are coming, so he can plan food. pschaeve@stpaulgreenbay.com / 920.675.0219
- **WELSSA School Accreditation Team Visit:** Over the last year or so, many people at St. Paul have been involved in self-study work, a regular part of our school's accreditation review process that happens every 5-6 years.



WELS School Accreditation (WELSSA) is a process in which a school evaluates its current education practices and seeks sound methods to build on its strengths and determine new ways to grow and strengthen the educational ministry of the school. At the end of the self-study, a team of visitors is on site for several days to observe and confirm what is included in our reporting. Their observations lead to suggestions and renewal of accreditation. This year's team will be with us from October 6-9. WELSSA is a sanctioned member of the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA).

Join Us for a Bay Area Life Center

Paint Party

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

743 S. Monroe St., Green Bay

Cost is \$5

This event is open to those not currently volunteering who would like to learn about volunteer opportunities at BALC. No painting talent needed! Step-by-step instructions included!



Call (920) 433-9955 or use the QR code to sign up!

WELS Christ's Love, Our Calling

WEBINAR

Women's MINISTRY WELS.NET/WOMEN

Little Lives with Jesus

Oct. 10, 2024 @ 7 p.m. [CST]
REGISTER at wels.net/women



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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TELL: Connecting East Asia to the Philippines

— from the WELS Missions Blog, written by Rev. Tony Barthels, missionary on the Asia One Team

TELL Network provides Bible study curriculum focused on leadership training for students across the globe, preparing them to gather groups, lead Bible studies, and plant churches. TELL is both the program name and a representation of the method used to teach the Bible: Think, Evaluate, Learn, and Lead. The training method is customized across four programs offered in English, Mandarin, Spanish, and Tagalog.

Students gain knowledge and confidence to lead others to the saving message of the gospel using the straight-forward and easy to remember training method. Based off the original *Academia Cristo* (TELL Spanish) curriculum, TELL Network students complete video courses, participate in live Zoom courses with theologically trained instructors, and learn to lead groups in their own communities.

The TELL program was designed with flexibility in mind. Its framework is made to be used in many countries, by many cultures, by many ages. Perhaps this is best displayed by Peter. Peter is a Ugandan, living in Hong Kong, training believers in the Philippines.

A few years ago, while living in Hong Kong, Peter was introduced to Asia Lutheran Seminary (ALS). He was interested in furthering his Biblical education when a pastor he knew in Canada encouraged him to study through ALS. He enrolled as a student and began completing classes regularly. This connection with ALS also led him to begin studying with the TELL program.

Peter's church in Hong Kong has a strong membership of Filipinos working in Hong Kong. As some of the members returned to the Philippines, they brought their worship life with them. They soon saw a need for small group leaders and for training. Peter took the opportunity to put his own Biblical training into practice. He uses the TELL method to regularly meet online with eleven small group leaders from the Philippines. He chose to use the TELL method because: "I have been exposed to quite many Bible study methods, but I find TELL method cutting across all scenarios and levels, ages, and categories, a very easy way to administer Bible study. Also, for learners, no matter how much prior knowledge of the Bible they have, through TELL they will always learn something easily."

The TELL program is working with ALS and will soon be implemented more widely by our Asia One Team. We pray that God blesses the use of this program to reach and equip more leaders like Peter, leaders who are willing and ready to pass on their training and knowledge of the Bible to others!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 PM — Ladies Aid 5:00 PM — Evangelism Committee Meeting 6:30 PM — ESL Class	2 6:00 AM — Breakfast Bible Study 9:00 AM — Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM — Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM — Prayer at the Close of Day	3 9:00 AM — Bible Study 6:30 PM — ESL Class 6:30PM — Time to Talk Bible Study session 3	4 9:30-10:30 AM — JAMM 3:30 PM — Quinten Lang and Makayla Holdt Wedding	5
6 8:00 AM — Communion Service 9:15 AM — Bible Hour 10:30 AM — Communion Service Grades 5-6 sing 11:45 — Sunday Catechism Class	7 6:30 PM — Communion Service	8 8:30 AM — Fellowship Breakfast 5:30 PM — Tech Committee 6:00 PM — Stewardship Committee 6:30 PM — ESL Class 6:30 PM — Board of Christian Education 7:00 PM — Board for Member Care	9 6:00 AM — Breakfast Bible Study 9:00 AM — Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM — Choir Rehearsal	10 9:00 AM — Bible Study 6:30 PM — ESL Class 6:00 PM — Time and Talents Committee 6:30PM — Time to Talk Bible Study session 4 7:00 PM — Women’s Group	11 4:00-5:00 PM — Food Pantry Distribution End of Quarter 1	12
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