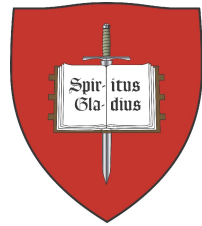


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The Fellowship

- Acts 2:42



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The Good News of God's People at Work at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Cascade, Wisconsin

“‘Who’ Are You?”

³When I look at your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,
⁴What is man that You are mindful of him,
and the children of men that You care for them?”
- Psalm 8:3-4

Horton Hears a Who!, by Dr. Seuss, tells the fictional story of an elephant named Horton, who one day hears a tiny speck of dust talking to him. The voice, it turns out, comes from a planet inhabited by microscopic sized beings known as Whos. The Mayor of the Whos asks Horton to protect them from harm. Horton agrees to do so, proclaiming, *“even though you can't see or hear them at all, a person's a person, no matter how small.”*

The psalmist who wrote the 8th Psalm, David, never read **Horton Hears a Who!** or heard of Dr. Seuss. But, there's little doubt that David felt like the Mayor of the Whos, or one of the Whos on that tiny planet the size of a speck of dust.

When you read the 3rd and 4th verses of Psalm 8, you can picture David staring up at the night sky, in awe of the size of the universe and everything that God has made, and thinking to himself, *“Whom am I in comparison to all this that God has made? The universe is so big, God's glory so grandly displayed! And me, I am so small, nothing compared to God, or what He has made at all.”*

Yet, even so small in comparison to all creation, man has been honored by God. David continues:

⁵Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
And You crown him with glory and majesty!
⁶You make him to rule over the works
of Your hands; - Psalm 8:5-6a

God created man and woman in His image, to reflect His glory in all creation. How God has honored His human creation!

But, even greater honor is given to man, as “the Word became flesh” that as God in the flesh He might redeem fallen man from everlasting separation from God.

“Who” are you? The reality is, each of us is like the tiny “Who” living on the speck of dust. God, in His love and grace, honors us beyond reason, as our Creator and Redeemer!

Only man in sinful arrogance and pride could ignore or reject so great a God! – so great a love!

“O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Your Name in all the earth!”
- Psalm 8:1, 9

OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer out:

Fred Lederer 12/15/11
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls, WI (LCMS)

Monthly Church Attendance

7:30 am 6:30 pm 9:00/10:00 am

December 1	22	
December 4	39	77
December 8	33	
December 11	50	52
December 15	34	
December 18	37	66
December 24	144	
December 25	21	60

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Calendar Dates to Remember

WEDNESDAY'S Women of Faith 9:00 am

SUNDAY'S Worship services 7:30 am and 10:00 am

Sunday School 8:30 am

Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day
Worship services 7:30 am & 9:00 am

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 4 Women of Faith 9:00 am

7th Grade confirmation class 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 5 Mission Circle 1:00 pm

Sunday, January 8 Sunday School classes resume 8:30 am

Installation of Officers during 10:00 service

Children's Church during 10:00 service

ALL BOARDS MEETING 11:15 am

Tuesday, January 10 Rocky Knoll Shopping

9th Grade Confirmation class 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 11 Women of Faith 9:00 am

8th Grade confirmation class 5:30 pm

Friday, January 13 ALL CRAFTS NIGHT
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm lower fellowship hall

Sunday, January 15 3rd thru 6th Grade play handbells during 10:00 service
Voters Assembly meeting 11:15 am

Wednesday, January 18 Women of Faith 9:00 am

7th Grade Confirmation Class 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 19 Mission Circle Project 1:00 pm

Saturday, January 21
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, January 22 Children's Church during 10:00 service

Tuesday, January 24 9th Grade Confirmation class 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 25 Women of Faith 9:00 am

8th Grade Confirmation Class 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 26 Rocky Knoll Birthday Party

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MORNING MEDITATIONS

1330 am WHBL

M-F 6:45 am and 10:45 am

1420 am WJUB "The Breeze"

M-F 7:28 am and 4:28 am

January 1.....Robert Steele

January 8.....Chris Gugel

January 15.....Alan Kubow

January 22.....Eric Luhman

January 29.....James Hartman

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ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

7:30 am 10:00 am

January 1 Keegan McMullen Caitlynn Hefter

January 8 Jared Beck Kayla Kasuboski

January 15 Sydney Shovan Aaron Pecotich

January 22 Ryan Strassburg

January 29 Keegan McMullen Nicole Giese

February 5 Caitlynn Hefter

February 12 Tessa Bidingger

February 19 Jared Beck Kayla Kasuboski

Ash Wednesday, February 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

Aaron Pecotich

February 26 Sydney Shovan Ryan Strassburg

YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT

Register early for this event scheduled on February 3 & 4, 2012.

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, a Professor of Education and Ambassador for the Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia University, Wisconsin. In addition to our guest speaker we will have discussion groups on spiritual warfare. Don't fall into Satan's tactics, use the Lord to guide you through!

Our mission is to inform, encourage, and inspire women to be actively involved in supporting Mission Outreach. We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact your LWML board for more information.

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IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

St. Paul's will be posting delay and closure announcements for worship services on WISN TV, Channel 12 and WTMJ TV, Channel 4. You can also go to St. Paul's website (stpaulslutheranchurch.org) for weather related announcements. Links are provided on St. Paul's website for the WISN and WTMJ website weather delay/closure announcement pages (You can bookmark these in your "favorites" and check them when needed).

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Perkins Restaurant in Sheboygan is again sponsoring the Perkin's Perks Program for the Chaplaincy Ministry for Health Care Centers from November 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Perkins will donate 10% of your receipt amount to the Chaplaincy Ministry.

You need to present a Perkin's Perks Voucher at the time of your visit, or ask for one at the register.

YOUR INVITED

Everyone who is a member of St. Paul's is invited to our annual Day of Christian Celebration, Fellowship, Recognition, Fun & Good Food

FELLOWSHIP & RECOGNITION

SUNDAY

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Church Service with Holy communion

10:00 am

Music by Hometown Harmony Tradition

Pot Luck Luncheon

Menu: Broasted Chicken & Potluck Dinner

Please sign up to bring a pasta salad, Jell-o or fruit salad, vegetable, potatoes, rolls or dessert. Sign-up sheets are in back of church.

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Return reservation form by

Sunday, February 5th

You can place form in offering plate or

give to Russ Krahn

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Number attending: _____

Names: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Free Will Offering

Suggested \$4.00 per person

\$10.00 maximum per family



CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to those who donated flowers to help beautify our altar this Holiday Season

Jerry & Janice Berg

Elwood Binder

Jerry & Lorraine Block

(in memory of Richard Block & Phyllis Arndt)

Don & Joan Breitzman

Willard Deckliver Family

(in memory of Romelle)

Bill Eggebeen

John & Linda Fischer

Warren & Linda Flunker (2)

(in memory of Hilton & Helen Flunker & Bill Gasper)

Audrey Halstead

David & Bonnie Hartmann

Allen & Karen Hellmer

Roger & Joanne Hintz

Oliver & Ben Hinz (2)

Kelvin & Jackie Hinz

Lou & Ruth Jaeger

Debbie Lederer

(in memory of Roland & Dolores Mertes)

Ron & Diane Meyer

Larry & Martha Rosche

Jerry & Nancy Rosche

Dave & Raylean Triebensee

(in memory of Arno & Evelyn Triebensee)

Shovan Family

Patti Zimmermann (2)



Visit the Great Marriages

Relationship Resource Library

Did you know that Great Marriages has a resource library full of books, DVDs and CDs available to check out for free? Topics include: general communication, conflict resolution, marriage enrichment, marital sexual intimacy, infidelity, parenting and families, singles, engaged couples, newlyweds, empty nesters, blended families, divorce prevention, finance, and devotionals. We also have limited resources available in Spanish. Visit the Great

Marriages office at 612 Center Avenue in Sheboygan, M-F, 8:30am – 5:00pm

Four Seasons of Marriage

Which season of marriage are you in?

Marriages are in a perpetual state of transition, continually moving from one season to another. This free, one day program is designed for all married couples to help them better understand and manage the natural cycles of marriage. Please join us Saturday, January 28th, 9am – noon in Sheboygan.

Song of Solomon

It's known the Bible provides wisdom for righteous living and spiritual growth. But it can guide us in our dating, courtship and marriage relationships as well. As you learn about the relationship of the Bible's most passionate lovers, you'll see how you, too, can find the deep emotional, sexual, and spiritual satisfaction that God created to be enjoyed in marriage. Married and engaged couples please join us for this study of the Song of Solomon held in Sheboygan on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm for 9 weeks beginning 1/11/12 Please bring a Bible to class. Suggested donation for materials, \$5.00.

To register, call Great Marriages at 920-783-3660 or visit our website www.great-marriages.org for more information.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4	Caitlynn Hefter	
7	Marion Hefter	
	Beverly Hinz	
	Nick Walczak	
8	Tim Fenske	
	Kimberly Beck	
10	Jeffrey Pietsch	
11	Walter Prange Jr.	
	Robert Falk Jr.	
12	Gerald Martch	
13	Doris Krahn	
	Christine Wright	
	Crystal Schipper	
14	Cathy Helmer	
15	Robert Hand	80
	Amanda Taylor	
16	Raylean Triebensee	
	Evelyn Flunker	
18	Betty Bilgo	
	Owen Schultz	
19	Randall Ribbens	
20	Richard Meilahn	
	Mark Fieber	
22	Robert Lenz	
	Margit Hand	
	David Triebensee	80
	Marian Vanderkin	
	Robert Gephart	
23	Byron Schultz Jr.	
24	Carola Schneider	
	Martha Rosche	
	Shea McMullen	
26	Russell Krahn	
	Glenn Horning	
30	Linda Martch	
	Jodi Schultz	
	Rebecca Schipper	
31	George Meyer	

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2	Charles & Jean Flunker	
9	Gerald & Laura Sonnenburg	
12	Ronald & (Celine) Schmidt	55
19	Lowell & Lillian Kappel	

SWD MISSION PRAYER CALENDAR

Week of January 1 – This week, please pray for our District's Prison and Ex-Offender Ministry. As these people struggle to make major New Year's resolutions in their lives, please pray that they will let the Spirit work in their hearts to let the changes begin with God's direction.

Week of January 8 – Let us pray this week for the success of our Deaf Ministry in southern Wisconsin which brings the Word and Sacraments to our deaf and very hard of hearing members and their families, that this ministry may also reach many unchurched deaf across the District and beyond through their "church without walls."

Week of January 15 – College campuses are prime targets for the devil's deception and temptations! This week, please remember in your prayers our Campus Ministries located on the University of Wisconsin campuses across the District, as these ministries seek to keep students close to the Lord and reach out to others who don't know Him yet.

Week of January 22 – Please remember the Hmong ministries of our District this week as they share the Gospel joy in Brown Deer, Milwaukee, Manitowoc, Oshkosh and Sheboygan. Pray that God will help the leaders to see clearly through the obstacles and challenges of spreading the Gospel among a people with cultural roadblocks and a lack of printed materials in their own language.

Week of January 29 – The Sheboygan County Chaplaincy Ministry has been serving the nursing homes, hospice and assisted living centers as a full-time ministry in that location since 1972. Please remember them in your prayers this week, thanking the Lord for the great work that is being accomplished there in God's name and asking for His continued blessings!