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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

July 2024 Newsletter

Seeking to proclaim Christ and Him crucified to more people more often.

Resolute

As I sat at our District Convention this past month, listening to Committees give reports (I know you are all super jealous of me), my mind wandered a bit. Hey, everyone is “human” (sinful) and this author is probably more “human” than most. I repent in dust and ashes. Ah, but back to the point. The reports would often have a list of “whereas”es and then would come the “resolved”s. This is where I began to wonder. Why “so be it resolved”? Why that particular terminology?

It turns out, that resolved comes from the same root as resolute “to be determined, purposeful, or unwavering.” We are basically saying, “because all of this is true (whereas) we now are purposeful, determined, unwavering to do the following.

Next came the thought, “I wonder how often we talk like this anymore?” This kind of speech is built on absolute truth. Another item which is less than popular in our pragmatic and post-modern world view. Though vestiges of it can still be found in pursuits like law, science, and theology. Though the corruption of these institutions is also widely discussed as agendas, theories, and personal interpretations are allowed to replace absolute truth within them.

But why all this rambling? Because God would have us be resolute, purposeful, determined, unwavering. He has set us on a firm and established truth. We are reinstating that as we study the Apostles Creed in worship. There He reminds us who He is, what He has done, and what that means for us as we live for Him. The entire Bible reads like “whereas” and “so be it resolved”s.

So dear Christian, whereas ...

- God has created everything and continues to preserve and protect it each day.
- God has sacrificed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ to make us His own and has cleansed us from every sin and presents us

holy in His sight solely by the work and worth of Jesus.

- God has even supplied us with the gifts of faith, the means of grace, and the Church as the Spirit works within us.

Then so be it resolved ...

- That we live each and every day not in defeat but in the victory that Christ has supplied for us.
- That we endeavor to live resolutely, with purpose, determination and the unwavering zeal that comes through faith as we seek to hold Christ out to everyone we come into contact with.
- That we support the work of the Church with every ounce of our talent, time, and treasure.
- That when we fail, and we will fail as sinful human beings, in the dust and ashes of repentance, we regularly run back to the cross for the forgiveness only Christ can provide that we might find anew the strength, the motivation, the resolve to live for Him!

Truth makes one resolute. That's really what we celebrate on the 4th of July. The truths which our country has boldly and unapologetically stood for, gone to war for, and lost its sons and daughters for. I would dare say that as Christians, we have even greater truths than those. May we stand resolute, ready to defend them, ready to proclaim them, ready to support them with everything Christ purchased and won with His holy precious blood and all our God has made.

⁸ Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:8-9

St. Paul's Lutheran School Open Registration

School registration is officially open. The paperwork is across from the church and school office and is also available online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/registration.

Preschool has a few spots remaining and there is plenty of room in our school in almost all grades so get the word out that a Christian Education is just a phone call away. Anyone may call to inquire at the school office at 920-922-1080.

VBS Save the Date

Join us this summer for St. Paul's "Celebrate the Savior" VBS from July 29-August 2. Our loving God has given us so much to celebrate – family, friends, food, but especially forgiveness through faith in Jesus, our Savior. As kids explore five key events in the life of Jesus, they will discover how the love of Jesus fills us with joy! Check out www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/vbs to register or volunteer.

School Helpers Needed

Before school care runs from 7:00 am until about 8:15 am each morning. Tuesday and Thursday have been spoken for. You can sign up for 1 day or several. Pay is \$15 per hour.

Hot Lunch Volunteers have taken a day Monday through Wednesday each week so far. Hot Lunch Service runs from 11:30 until 1:00 each day. Lunches come cooked and ready. Our servers simply take the food and portion it to those who take lunch that day.

Bags & Bakery Sundays in July after Church

Summer fellowship that will leave a good taste in your mouth. Come join us for bagels, donuts, coffee and water followed by a few rounds of cornhole! Come for one or both. Either way, it's a great opportunity to get to know some people and eat some sweets.

Summer Offerings

Every year our summer offerings decrease with attendance. Summer usually accounts for the bulk of our deficit coming into the last quarter of our fiscal year. Remember also that our mortgage increase from 3.5% to 7% this last year is quickly eating away building fund reserves. Our regular thoughtful offerings are fueled by the faith that is grown and supported by the means of grace we hear and receive each week. May we prayerfully consider the support we offer to our Lord and His work here at St. Paul's.



By day not year ... that can be your own little secret.

Asher Stahmann	7/1	Kayden Muellenbach	7/18
Bridger Stahmann	7/1	David Zittlow	7/18
Chandler Stahmann	7/1	Lane Stevens	7/19
Megan Schneider	7/1	Andrew Rickert	7/19
Sara Augustyn	7/1	Cayleigh Tabbert	7/20
Andy Hinz	7/1	Avery Seibel	7/20
Shari Sterba	7/1	Douglas Seffern	7/20
Larry Wodack	7/1	Amelia Utsch	7/21
Adler Meyer	7/3	Silas Fraley	7/21
Ethan Kryzyanowski	7/3	Paige Miller	7/21
Adam Lamb	7/4	Carson Zittlow	7/21
Kyle Lamb	7/4	Damian Lietz	7/21
Christina Tabbert	7/4	Phillip Hinn	7/21
Wesson Stollfus	7/5	Emily Schwitzer	7/22
Charley Mathwig	7/5	Matthew Mickle	7/22
Zander Rushing	7/6	Brad Schumacher	7/22
Hunter Preissner	7/6	Susan Butt	7/22
Jenna Karr	7/8	Carter Tillman	7/23
Chuck Stollfus	7/8	Westen Tillman	7/23
Jacob Fraley	7/9	Lauren Stettbacher	7/23
Alexander Merten	7/11	Tobey Bortner	7/23
Cameron Merten	7/11	Cindy Margelofsky	7/23
Ashley Hass	7/12	Tony Fucik	7/23
Jeannise Kemnitz	7/12	Becky Coates	7/24
Lara Mueller	7/13	Andy Coates	7/24
Donald Jahns	7/13	Marilyn Beltz	7/24
Christina Muellenbach	7/14	Benson Nebl	7/25
Kalista Ziemer	7/14	Beth Ewerdt	7/26
Riley Meyer	7/14	Mallory Parks	7/28
Joan Breitreutz	7/14	Robert Pietrzyk	7/28
Teresa Gilbertson	7/14	Nancy Schumacher	7/29
Rachelle Riebe	7/15	Lynette Malloy	7/30
Jennifer Jaschob	7/15	Chris Schumacher	7/30
Carlton Kastorff	7/15	Jeanette Leeman	7/30
Maxwell Dukelow	7/17	Jason Beier	7/31
Kevin Tillman	7/17	Curtis Heller	7/31
Crystal Buerger	7/17	Kathy Thurow	7/31
		Carol Boehning	7/31

A fun birthday activity. Find your baptism certificate and recall the day when you were born into the family of God.