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August 2025 Newsletter

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

God's Got This?

Uncertainty! August can get crazy. Things start (school, VBS, regular schedule in Sept., Sunday School, Bible Classes, etc.) and things stop (the ease of summer, summer scheduled worship in Sept., Kampman's headed out). Busy can also bring anxiety and uncertainty. How will it all get done? Can it all get done? Will I remember to x,y,z?

Dear friends, I grow more and more attached to the prophet Isaiah with each passing day. He knew uncertainty and instability better than most. He was one of the prophets God tasked with the hard message of impending doom for Israel. Babylon was coming. God would use them as an instrument of discipline for His people to expose the sin and impose earthly consequences for their actions, but also to bring them back from their unbelief to the God who loved them throughout the pages of history. Who continued to love them and would save them at Calvary's cross.

I think, by now, all of our shut-ins and everyone who has been in the hospital has likely heard the words of Isaiah 43. Just one of the many Gospel Gems of Isaiah's lengthy book.

But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Isaiah 43:1-3a

What is God's promise for us? It's pretty amazing, actually. He bookends not just the busyness of life, not just the uncertainty, and anxiety it can all cause, but every trouble, every problem we encounter, yes, the sin that rages within us with Himself.

He says, Remember Who I am. The God of all power and might who controls all things for your eternal good (verse one). He comes back to it again at the end with the reminder that He is "Savior", far more than a God of power and might pulling strings but a God Who saves, Who loves us so much, as John would later put it, that He would send His Son to be our Savior to defeat sin and satan, death and hell and secure eternity for a people who could never do it for themselves.

Recalling those truths, well the waters, rivers, and fires, the troubles, anxieties, business, and sin, it can't win. "Fear not" God says. Not because He is an uncaring God Who doesn't understand our problems, no never! But rather, because He is a God who is in full control of them, has saved us from them all, and stands beside us in the fight. "I WILL BE WITH YOU", He says.

Oh, I could ramble on and on about this one passage of scripture. It's my comfort. It's my assurance. It's my refuge in the storms of life. But it's yours too! Whether I'm a student, nervous about the upcoming year, a parent scrambling to get supplies ready, overcome with the anxiety of change that never stops, wherever I may be, a patient in a hospital bed, or any other trouble that is weighing us down. Someone far more powerful than any of us is paying attention. He promises grace and blessings will come because they always follow crosses in this world. He has proven it in the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, who saved us from sin and has secured eternity for us, freeing us to live for Him, in Him every day of our lives.

Yes, God's got this! God's got you! It doesn't matter if it's uncertainty and anxiety. It doesn't matter if it's the busyness and overwhelming realities of life. It doesn't matter if it's satan himself with his temptations, guilt, and the bluster of death. They can't win, won't win not with God by our side. Fear not, You belong to Him.

Vacation Bible School

August 4-8, 2025 from 9-11:30 am

This summer, we're going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you're invited! We'll encounter amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness. And most importantly, we'll be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who tells us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" in our theme verse, John 14:6.

Register your child to attend or register as a volunteer by visiting stpaulslutherannfdl.com/vbs, following the QR code, or by going "old school" and signing up in the narthex at church at the VBS Station.

A donation signup sheet is at the Narthex VBS Station as well if you would like to provide the needed supplies and snacks to make the week one to remember. Sign up today to join in the fun!

School is just around the corner!

- August 2 – School cleaning day! (8am start)
- August 10 – Parent Orientation after worship
- August 12 – Back to School Night (6-7pm)
- August 20 – First day of School
– Opening Service at 8:45am

One-Year Call to Be Extended

The folks at our synods Lutheran schools and District President Zank have provided us with a list of names that we can consider as we seek to fill the 6-8 grade classroom. At the last voters meeting, our voters vested the Board of Christian Education and the Congregations Trustees with the ability to extend a call quickly on our behalf. Now that the list has arrived a meeting will follow. Don't be shocked to hear that we have extended a call in the near future.

Kampmans Have Taken Calls

After 20 years with us, the Kampmans are moving on to McFarland, WI, where Pastor Kampman will serve Risen Savior Lutheran Church. Kristin just recently accepted a call to serve Holy Cross Lutheran School in Madison, WI. The family recently received an accepted offer on a home as well. Stay tuned for Pastor Kampman's last service here. The calling window for Pastors is always open with the exception of some blackout dates around Christmas and Easter. Stay tuned for more news about plans there.

Happy Birthday!

Marlyn Jensen	8/1	Connie Herzberg	8/15
Mandy Kurtz	8/2	Cindy Gratton	8/15
Lisa Stollfus	8/2	Sawyer Fritch	8/16
Finnegan Ehlert	8/3	Donna Kollmann	8/16
Mary Wendt	8/3	Jacob Brinkman	8/17
Cody Marschall	8/4	Sally Jackson	8/18
Melanie Haines	8/5	Kaylee Tackett	8/19
Eric Purswell	8/5	Sherry Auchue	8/19
Kimberly Muellenbach	8/6	Lisa Schneider	8/19
Lisa Freiberg	8/6	Mary Beltz	8/19
Glynne Faust	8/6	Sam Merwin	8/21
Joel Mathwig	8/7	Miles Rickert	8/21
Jonathon Schalk	8/8	Jenna Rozek	8/21
Amelia Wiener	8/8	Keith Kovalaske	8/21
Stephanie Page	8/8	Craig Peachy	8/21
Steve North	8/8	Christine Hiemstra	8/22
Jody Pollom	8/8	Fletcher Tadych	8/23
Joshua Hintz	8/9	Jordyn Stettbacher	8/23
Bryce Van Loo	8/9	Amanda Richardson	8/23
Maverick Kolath	8/10	Jacky Christie	8/24
Bonnie Wagner	8/10	Carl Kuchenbecker	8/24
Jess Pollom	8/10	Julianna Schalk	8/25
Tristan Breitreutz	8/11	Christy Hoffman	8/25
Theresa Bortner	8/11	Colleen Kingsland	8/25
Megan Schlosser	8/12	Craig Freiberg	8/25
Easton Roedl	8/12	Linda Fucik	8/25
Traci Kertscher	8/12	Winifred Franke	8/25
Dawn Nemitz	8/12	Kalista Rivera	8/26
Melodee Dorzok	8/12	Mandi Jo Wilkens	8/26
Gertrude Adams	8/12	LaVila Poppe	8/26
Jeff Bechler	8/13	Judith Jahns	8/26
Collin Ferriol	8/13	Patsy Brennand	8/27
Abigail Lane	8/13	Rebecca Kingsland	8/28
Amy Boehning	8/13	Katie Fischer	8/28
Larry Schultz	8/14	Renee Ninman	8/29
Mason Jerman	8/14	Amy Morenzen	8/29
Landon Schumacher	8/14	Gerry Zimmer	8/29
Ashley Lane	8/14	Dominic Wagner	8/30
Stephanie Herzberg	8/15	Bill Tabbert	8/30
Jeff White	8/15	Amanda Scott	8/31
		Trevor Kuphal	8/31

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

*I have called you by name!
You are mine!!
– God*