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# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## May 2024 Newsletter

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

### Let's Chase 400!!

You miss 100% of the goals you don't set. Various forms of this statement exist in the world around us. It usually emphasizes the importance of setting goals and the willingness to overcome the fear of failure to get there.

I am not much of a vision setter. I guess most of the time, in the church, I'm of the mindset that God has set those goals for us already. Matthew 28:19-20 for example pretty much sets the vision statement for us, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

But the business-minded out there will tell us that sometimes it is good to have a metric something a bit more solid to shoot for. Without trying to program the Holy Spirit, which is never a great idea, I suppose the title of this article has been the quietly stated goal I've been shooting for this year and into the future. I believe we should shoot for 400 in worship not at Christmas or Easter (the number would need to be a bit higher then) but in regular Sunday worship.

The writer of the book of Hebrews tells us, <sup>19</sup> *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,* <sup>20</sup> *by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,* <sup>21</sup> *and since we have a great priest over the house of God,* <sup>22</sup> *let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.* <sup>23</sup> *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.* <sup>24</sup> *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.* <sup>25</sup> *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching* (Hebrews 10:19-25).

Notice how that's put together. As we grow in our knowledge of our Savior and all that He has done

for us, we will seek to draw closer to Him. That only makes sense. We want to be near those who protect, comfort, and support us. Close to Him, we will seek to hold to His teachings which are always for our good or the good of others and we will want to help others draw nearer to God as well.

How does this happen? Interestingly it is not in over-the-top displays of talent or ability that make people fawn over us. The author says it happens as we gather together! It all comes to a head in our worship as we gather around the means of grace for the forgiveness, life, and salvation we need every day. I encourage with my presence in the pew and in the hymns boisterously sung (perfectly on key or not) to the glory of God. I confess and profess as others see me enter the building and exit it and perhaps wonder "why" just enough to seek the answer someday by walking through the doors themselves. Worship, it turns out is a massive part of the life of a Christian.

Perhaps after all that, I should really announce that we should be shooting for 900 in worship each week or even more! Who knows maybe, should the Lord bless it, we will get there but for now, let's start a bit smaller. Last weekend (4-21) we hit 301 in worship. This last year our average has hung around that 250 number. That's up and actually good synodically, so I rejoice in it. However, verse 25 won't let us rest on this little success. "All the more," says the author. So it's time to shoot for 400 just shy of ½ of our congregation in worship each week.

That will take mutual encouragement and friends reaching out to one another. It will take hearts recommitting to worship once more. It will take more than a pastor printing it in a newsletter, but I know it is attainable, and achievable as we focus our attention on our Savior and the blessings He has given. As it happens, I also know the Lord will bring blessings, ease budgetary restraints, build lasting relationships, and provide in so many other ways.

No, I don't know how long it will take. But it certainly would be awesome to be aiming for 500 next year at this same time, would it not?

## 2024 Confirmands

We congratulate our 2024 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands!

Taylor Kenneth Bortner	Revelation 22:12
Wynter Grace Ciske	Psalms 62:1-2
Owen Markham Dukelow	Psalms 23:4
Sawyer Robert Fritch	Acts 4:12
Cameron Gregory Holmes	1 John 3:1
Marcus Josiah Kampman	Psalms 18:2
Hannah Leigh Kemnitz	Psalms 112:1
Thomas Milo Kemnitz	Isaiah 53:5
Sophia Rose Miller	Hebrews 11:1
Lincoln Werth Nebl	Romans 12:6a,8
Miles Andrew Rickert	Psalms 46:10
Ella Jo Schoonover	Isaiah 54:10

## 2024 Graduates

As graduation time rolls around we would like to congratulate our graduates in our bulletins once again and keep them in our prayers. If your student is graduating *8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School, College, Tech School, or graduate level studies*. Please e-mail Pastor Kampman at [pastorkampman@stpaulslutherannfdl.com](mailto:pastorkampman@stpaulslutherannfdl.com).

### Open Registration for St. Paul's Lutheran School

School registration officially opens on May 23 & 24. Though the paperwork is out on the table in the Narthex and available online at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/registration](http://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.



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### Upcoming Worship Schedules in May

**Ascension Service – May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**WLA Traveling Choir – May 12<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day)**

We will have a flower for moms at our services that weekend. As we celebrate Mother's Day.

**Pentecost – May 19<sup>th</sup> (regular worship schedule)**

**May 23, 25, 26**

**begins our Summer Worship Schedule**

Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 and Sundays at 9:00am

**May 23 at 6:30pm – Schools Graduation Service**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:35am – School year end service**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day**



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

Samantha Miller	5/1	Jarrod Tonn	5/17
Joshua Kemnitz	5/1	Bethel Schumacher	5/17
Al Geisthardt	5/1	Al Hansen	5/18
Joel Tabbert	5/2	Laurel Peachy	5/19
Zac Burkholder	5/2	Dakya Kemnitz	5/20
Wyatt Ziemer	5/2	Colson Tabbert	5/21
Herb Poppe	5/2	Marilyn Abraham	5/21
Joseph Peachy	5/3	Sandy Kemnitz	5/21
Jesse Fraley	5/4	Alan LaPine	5/22
Makayla Skelton	5/4	Sue Hagan	5/22
Dave Pechman	5/4	Emma Kertscher	5/23
Darla White	5/5	Lindsay Rozek	5/23
William Parks	5/5	Jim Tasch	5/23
Lincoln Nebl	5/5	Caroline Stevens	5/23
Angel Gilbertson	5/5	Tyler Babler	5/24
Andrew Roach	5/5	Doris Gassner	5/24
Rudy Zempel	5/5	Marcus Kampman	5/25
Sharon Wodack	5/5	David Herrick	5/25
Braydon Schwefel	5/6	David Hoffman	5/25
Diesel Bowen	5/6	Travis Dowland	5/26
Logan Bechler	5/7	Joshua Schneiter	5/26
Janet Drummond	5/7	Charlene Schifelbine	5/26
Lisa Parks	5/7	Camile Schwefel	5/27
Sarah Roach	5/7	Shaelynn Riebe	5/27
Jacalyn Palmer	5/7	Cage Mueller	5/27
Jane Miller	5/7	Scott Holmes	5/27
Josalyn Marshall	5/8	Troy Stettbacher	5/27
Lucas Fritch	5/10	Oscar Tackett	5/27
John Kryzyanowski	5/10	Bonnie Wiener	5/27
Steve Rozek	5/11	Pamela Willey	5/28
Keely Neuy	5/12	Kylar Grassel	5/29
Amy Burkholder	5/12	Michael Wendt	5/29
Gary Lobajeski	5/12	Eric Schoenbach	5/30
Mark Hintz	5/13	Micah Rickert	5/30
Trisha Pietrzyk	5/13	Diana Brunette	5/30
Chris Krause	5/15	Sean Kollmann	5/30
Emma Rickert	5/16	Isabelle Kampman	5/31
Casey Kovalaske	5/16	Clay Skelton	5/31
Dawn Eastman	5/16	Alex Quist	5/31
Ashley Ebert	5/17		

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