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EVANGELISM and PUBLIC RELATIONS

Give thanks to the LORD!

Throughout the Scriptures, we are encouraged to “give thanks to the LORD” in a variety of ways and for a number of good reasons. Here is a sampling:


- “Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples!” (1 Chronicles 16:8 ESV)
- “Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!” (1 Chronicles 16:34 ESV)
- “The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.” (Psalm 28:7 ESV)
- “Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!” (Psalm 95:2 ESV)
- “Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His Holy Name!” (Psalm 97:12 ESV)
- “I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.” (Psalm 118:21 ESV)
- “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:57 ESV)
- “But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere.” (2 Corinthians 2:14 ESV)
- “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the Name of the

Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” (Colossians 3:15-17 ESV)

- “...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18 ESV)

As we recognize and acknowledge God's goodness shown to us through His Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the blessings we have already received as well as those blessings we have yet to

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Please join us **Thursday October 5 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church basement as we begin watching the first season of the television show **The Chosen**.

Over the next 8 weeks we will engage in discussion and study on this series that explores and presents the life and ministry of Jesus in a new way.

Reminders

- Please remember that, because we have a number of members with allergies to nuts, any foods brought to church events should be nut-free.
- Also, several have allergies to fragrances. Please consider them when choosing toiletries and whether or not to wear perfumes.
- LWMLC mites and society offerings may be put in the offering plate in an envelope separate from your church offering, mailed to the church or given to society treasurer, Marion Hollinger. Please make any cheques payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church but mark them clearly as being for LWMLC. Indicate the amount for mites and the amount for society funds.

EDUCATION



KIDS CORNER GROWING HEARTS OF FAITH

One Lord, One faith, One baptism (Ephesians 4:5)



Sunday school is coming. Mrs. Timm lives on a farm and in fall that means gathering in all that God has provided. It's a big job and doesn't leave time for Sunday school preparation. But it's coming! In the meantime, look for a separate document of activities online and in print.

Classifieds

The Evers are moving and need to downsize.

1) A patio table and four chairs with cushions, the stand and umbrella. All for \$100.

2) A Braun Combimax 650 that has everything and works perfectly. Rita says "It's easy to use but I am not using it any more and so I would like to sell it at \$75."

And should there be something you're looking for and haven't found, you might just want to check with them.

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Something to sell or give away? Need something? Services to offer to fellow members? Try The Spirit Classifieds first. No cost. Leave your ads at the church office or give them to the editor.



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St. Paul's LWML Society celebrates milestone anniversary

The first Sunday in October is set aside to celebrate the Lutheran Women's Missionary League—Canada and the work carried out by its members—a time to thank all the many volunteers who work diligently for the Lord. In 2023 we also celebrate two anniversaries—the 70th anniversary of St. Paul's society and the 30th anniversary of Lutheran Women's Missionary League—Canada. Praise be to God!

St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Missionary League society is 70 years old as of our anniversary date of February 13, being originally members of International Lutheran Women's Missionary League with our American sisters. Women of our congregation have been meeting, studying the Bible and carrying out projects since 1953.

Through a contact by one of our members, the society began the catering of the Northern Saskatchewan picnic for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Begun in 1955 this project continued until 1984.



Louise Bradley, a founding member of St. Paul's LWML society signs the charter in 1993 forming a Canadian organization. Merle Timm, Hazel Anderson and Gail Mitchell look on.



Assembling layettes for Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the maternity ward at Royal University Hospital were also long-term projects. Kathy Kaps for cancer patients were made for the
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fully experience. In the revelation of Jesus Christ given to St. John (as recorded in Revelation 7:9-12 ESV), we can envision ourselves in the scene around God's throne.

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud

voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.'"

On behalf of you, dear members of St. Paul's, in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings to our congregation, our board has made arrangements to sponsor the CJWW Radio broadcast of The Lutheran Hour that will air at 7:00 a.m. CST on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 8, 2023. CJWW is located at 600AM on your radio or at www.cjwwradio.com (choose Listen Live).

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LWML anniversaries, continued
 hospital also. Local organizations have received generous donations of socks and hygiene items for Warm Feet for the Street or We Care Bags, and mittens and toques for children from our mitten tree. Mission projects on the national and international scale are supported by the giving of “mites.” Membership numbers may fluctuate but the guiding force for the society remains the same—love for our Lord Jesus and our community.

Our national organization Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada is also celebrating a special anniversary—30 years as an independent organization separate from Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in the United States. On March 9, 1993, we signed the letter of intent to officially join this new organization. Present were president, Gail Mitchell; secretary, Hazel Anderson; delegate to the founding convention, Louise Bradley; and alternate delegate, Merle Timm. Then in Edmonton we officially became LWML–Canada at the convention in June 1993. So we rejoice in the 30 years given to us. As stated in the litany for this anniversary, “But even more importantly as redeemed children we celebrate because we are promised a great celebration when we are in the presence of the Lord, and that is why while here on earth we can

“celebrate like there is a tomorrow”
 ...an eternal tomorrow.”

WHAT ARE MITES?

Women of Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada, including those at St. Paul’s support many mission projects in Canada and abroad, through special grants. Doing so requires the gathering of some of the money with which God has blessed us...not the first

fruits that go to the church, but extra coins and bills that are collected as “mites.” The term itself comes from the King James Version story of the widow who gave a mite, all that she had. In newer versions the text speaks of two copper coins so the word mite has become less familiar.



Packing We Care bags for Canadian Lutheran World Relief brought children and adults together for a fun service project.



Nurses on Maternity at Royal University Hospital were most appreciative of the layettes we provided each year.

STEWARDSHIP

It's in the way you use it

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear,

use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

Blessings and Peace!
Board of Stewardship

The temple rang with golden coins
The rich in bright array
Contributed from gleaming hards
Their scales could scarcely weigh.

A widow came with copper coins
And offered them in praise.
They were the last she had to give
Or save for darker days.

When Jesus saw her costly gift
And knew she had no more,
He praised a love that spared not self
And called her rich, though poor.

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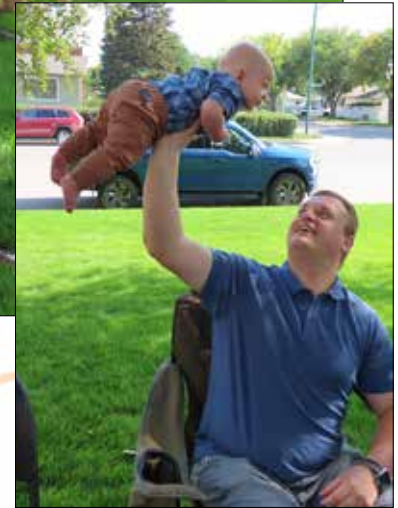
St. Paul's FAMILY NEWS



Rhianne Billard graduated from the University of SK this past spring with a B.A. High Honours in History. She is going to continue her studies by pursuing a M.A. in History studying Metis settlements. She is the daughter of Rhonda & Dave Billard and niece of Sherry Gore.



WELCOME BACK – September 2023



A sampling of photos taken.

A good time
was had by all!

