



Study the Word in 2011

Pastor Jeremy Schultz

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- January 23 Adult Information Class
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John's Gospel, which we heard read on Christmas morning, begins and ends with Jesus Christ. In John 1, Jesus is called the "Word made flesh." His coming was clearly proclaimed by the prophets before Him and He has made His glory known to us. At the end of John's Gospel we read the entire purpose of the written word. "But these things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

There are a lot of reasons why people, even regular Sunday morning churchgoers may neglect the study of God's Word. Common defenses include "there's nothing offered that interests me", "I don't have enough time" and the even more reflective remark, "I've never studied

the Bible so I wouldn't know where to begin." If you are an active and conscientious church going Christian, please do not let yourself off this easily. Remember, the glory of the Word made flesh is known to us! The Bible is written with the sole purpose that you may believe in Christ and have life in His Name! Let's resolve in 2011 to have even more of Jesus' glory revealed to us! Let's resolve to enjoy and live more of that we have in His name!

Early this month, you will be receiving a letter from your elder stressing the importance of Bible study for every single Christian, young and old. In addition to a strong Sunday school ministry, there will now be offered on Sunday mornings a parents and toddlers class for those with children under the age of

three. In addition to the continuing study of the book of Romans and another new member class, we will be offering a course entitled *Lutheranism 101*. As always, free childcare is available on Sunday morning during all three worship and study hours.

Please give prayerful attention to these opportunities. They are opportunities for both you and your families to have more of God's glory revealed to you. They are opportunities for you to enjoy and live more of the life that you have in His name. I believe that after praying about it, you'll also believe that studying God's Word is a great way to spend your time in 2011!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Schultz





'The Word became flesh!'

by Vicar Trevor Sutton

It is amazing how quickly the excitement of Christmas can fade. The fact that there is a medical condition known as 'Christmas Depression' bears witness to how active Satan can be during Christmas. Following Christmas, Satan is on the prowl looking to devour God's faithful, looking to drag joyous Christians into despair during the cold winter months.

So, what can Christians do to defend themselves from Satan's attacks in the days and months following Christmas? What is a solid shield that a Christian can hold up to deflect Satan's flaming arrows?

In his commentary on the Gospel of John, Martin Luther conveys an interesting Medieval defense against Satan's attacks. Luther tells us about St. Bernard (not the breed of dog, but the actual Saint Bernard of Clairvaux) suggested that Christians, when under Satan's attack, repeat the

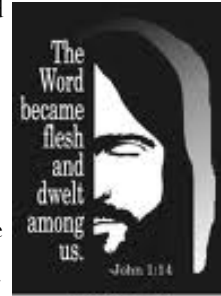
phrase "The Word became Flesh." St. Bernard suggested this because he knew that it tormented Satan to hear those words. It tormented Satan to hear that God loved His creation enough that we would eternally yoke Himself to human flesh!

Simply saying, "The Word became Flesh," makes all of heaven and earth erupt in joyous refrain. Meanwhile, those same words make Satan and all of hell quake in fear, realizing how enormous God's love is for His creation! This is a statement

that we think of and hear during Christmas, but sometimes forget come January.

This New Year, whenever the cold and darkness is getting to you, try repeating those four words from John's Gospel—"The Word became flesh!" I assure you, those comforting words of God's love will surround you better than any blanket ever could!

Blessings, Vicar Trevor



Membership Ministries

Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship applies to our service to others – inside and outside the church – as well as our pocket-books. In Titus 2:11, St. Paul

writes that God's grace in Christ motivates us to be "zealous for good works." We give because He first gave Himself to us and for us. We give because our hearts are transformed by the Holy Spirit as He works through Word and Sacrament. We give with no desire for anything in return – not even the warm feelings our service may give us. As

Jesus instructs the disciples in Matthew 10:8b, "Freely you have received, freely give."

Mission for January

Lutheran Hour Ministries will receive the special offering throughout the month of January.

This Christian outreach program provides the Lutheran Hour radio program, daily devotions, help topics and booklets, evangelism training and other support for



"Building a Family of Followers"

local churches. It is active in the United States and more than 30 other countries. The Lutheran Hour radio program can be heard on more than 900 stations in North America. St. Paul listeners can find it on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 a.m. Sundays or WRDT (560 AM) at noon Sundays.

Giving Ministry

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving. Our church offers this program which allows you to make donations on a scheduled automatic basis. It is convenient and provides donation consistency for your church. To set up, pick up a form in the lobby and fill it out and drop off in the

church office. For questions, contact LeeAnne Millinger at 248-584-3128.

Adult Information

Membership Classes

These classes are designed to teach newcomers about the basics of the Christian faith from a distinctively Lutheran perspective. This 10 week course will cover such topics as, "The Bible", "The Ten Commandments", "Holy Baptism", "Holy Communion" and more. While many will take this class toward membership, the most important thing is developing a lifelong love and pattern of worshipping Christ. Friends who are already members of another LCMS congregation are to contact their home church and request a "Letter of Transfer" to St. Paul. They are then encouraged (but not required) to take Pastor's Adult Information Class for refreshment through the Word and relationship building. Our next Adult Information Classes begin January 23rd at 9:30am. Please call the church office, 248-541-0613 to register.



Youth & Children Ministries

YOUTH PROGRAMS

High School Youth

Bible Study

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary this month along with the adult members of our congregation as we share in an All Church Bible Study with Pastor Schultz on his trip to Israel.

Impulse Sr. High and Jr. High youth gather for an evening of fellowship. Jr. High begins at 4:30pm and Sr. High begins at 6:00pm. Join us January 16. Bring \$3 for dinner.

Thank you to Nathan Decker for organizing the Red Wing outing. We had 23 peo-

ple attend. Funds raised will go towards the youth West Virginia Mission Trip.

Youth Bible Study Instructor needed for Sunday Bible Class. If you are interested, we only need you occasionally to teach our youth group. Call Valerie Winston for further details, 248-546-6555.

CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY

Cradle Roll An early step toward a Godly life is our focus for our Cradle Roll program for children from birth to 3 year olds. Parent's are provided with materials and resources on how to provide a God

centered home for their families. When they reach 3 years of age they are invited to attend the Sunday School program.

Nursery News Open to children 0-4 years old. Provides safe, loving care during the 8:15 am and 10:45 am worship services, and 9:30 am Bible Study. A changing table and chair for nursing are available for mothers of infants and toddlers. Anyone interested in volunteering in the nursery should sign up in the nursery or email Anne Sagan at ansagan@yahoo.com or call



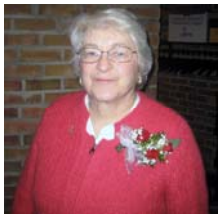
Early steps to a Godly life...

Goodbye and Blessings

Rose Meinert. We will miss you. Our field worker is finished with her training at St. Paul. The youth group would like to thank her for all her help this year especially for preparing the 'Grinch' play for the Lunch with Santa program and other events she was involved in. You have been a blessing! May the Lord bless you in your studies and future church work.

Women's Ministries

Congratulations to Connie Moulis Woman of the Year!



Connie was married to her beloved husband John in 1957 and was recently widowed. They were blessed with four children, John, Scott,

Charles and Patricia. She attended the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing. Connie is now a retired Registered Nurse.

Connie sets an example for us by being involved in her church. She is part of the Women's Guild and is a member of the Priscilla Circle. Along with other nurse members of our congregation, she one of our Parish nurses. She has helped over the years work the blood drives at St. Paul and you will see Connie on the third Sunday's of the month taking Blood Pressures for our congregation members. Connie currently attends Bible classes and helps with the Operation Layette program by putting together

infant packages. She is active in visiting our home-bound members, helping put together the weekly bulletins and monthly masthead.

Connie is an active member of the Council of Lutheran Women, whose organization hosts the annual Woman of the Year luncheon, whose proceeds from this goes to help seminary and deaconess students of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Connie enjoys visiting and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

A special luncheon will be held in March in honor of Connie. Contact Colleen Olsen, 248-288-0769 to reserve your seat for this very special event.

Women of the Congregation!

Get Your Garden Going in 2011— Think about a corner of your garden, or the entire area before coming to these exciting presentations! Two Women and a Hoe will present insightful presentations on Friday, Jan

14 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday morning, Jan 22 at 10:00 am in the church lounge. They're fun, simple, and practical approaches to green garden management and sustainable landscapes will get your ideas flowing over the long, cold winter! Child care will be provided. Please sign up at Welcome Center.

*"I can do everything
through him who
gives me strength." -
Philippians 4:13*

New Women's Bible Class "Jesus the One and Only" will begin on Monday, January 10 at 9:30 am and runs till 11:30 am. This study includes personal daily assignments. And a weekly group discussion and viewing of author Beth Moore's video lecture. Sign up through Lisa

McNeal by December 27. Reserve your workbook for \$15 also through Lisa or may be paid at the first class. Questions, call 1-313-342-6370.

“Post - Holiday Blues”

by Art Steiber, Congregation President



Mental health experts tell us that many, if not most, people suffer some form of “post-holiday blues.” There could be several reasons for this and each person can be affected differently. It could be that you had visiting family members who now must return to their home out of town. Or your vacation from work or school is now over. Perhaps you are disappointed that you didn’t get the gift you really wanted. Maybe the cold weather is now affecting you or you’re depressed about how much money you spent this year. No matter what the reason, it’s easy to feel alone and depressed in January.

Many of these same mental health experts give us advice on how to deal with these “blues.” We are told to follow the basics for good health – eat right, get rest and

exercise; set realistic goals to work toward; don’t have unrealistic expectations; don’t focus on what you don’t have or dwell on the past. These all sound like good advice but I also found several other tips when searching articles on this topic. Experts will phrase these tips slightly differently but they all have the same basic theme – spend time with people you care about and that care about you.

What better place to do that than at church? This “Family of Followers” at St. Paul should be a place where people can always find a friend. Certainly we can all remember singing “What a friend we have in Jesus” and that is the most important benefit we can offer at St. Paul, but we can do more. We can and should be looking out for each other and offering help. We should be praying for each other and listening

to one another’s needs.

Of course, the best advice we can give (or get) is to remember that we really don’t need to worry about the future.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^{ab}; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

John 14: 1-3

Happy New Year!

Fellowship

Lutheranism 101 -

Pastor/Vicar will alternate in teaching this class based on the book Lutheranism 101 begins on **January 23 at 9:30am** (sanctuary). To purchase a book, \$15, call or stop in the church office.

Young Adults meets at Vicar Trevor’s house on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming event for a Progressive Dinner is in the planning stages for January 15. So mark your calendars. Please talk with Vicar about this event if you are interested in participating.

German Interest Group

To meet on January 3 at 7:30 pm in the church lounge. Come one, come all. A great group of people who like to learn everything German. A fun night for everyone.

*"The Lord is my light
and my salvation -
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the
stronghold of my life -
of whom shall I be
afraid?" - Psalm 27:1*

Senior Ministries



Gathering together for some afternoon fun!

50 Plus

We get together once a month on the 3rd Monday to eat lunch and play some cards. Join us January 17 at 12:00pm in the church lounge. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee & tea provided. Plan to play cards and enjoy some fellowship.


Bible Class

with Pastor Ackerman

Join us on Monday, January 17 in the church lounge with Pastor Ackerman at 10:00 am. Currently we are studying the “Parables”.

January Birthday's

(If we've missed listing your birthday, call the church office)

Birthdate: 1/2 Dougherty, Leigh Garrick, Jay	Birthdate: 1/10 Elcessor, Gemma Meneghin, Brittany Profeta, Zoe	Birthdate: Ohngren, Michelle 1/19 Eising, Henry Swartz, Ann	Birthdate: 1/27 Cuddington, Susan Holeton, Joseph Klein, Anna Mahler, Jan Windfield, Autumn
Birthdate: 1/3 Hubble, Caleb Olsen, Erik	Birthdate: 1/11 Baker, Zane Garrick, Joseph Schroeder, Charlette	Birthdate: 1/20 Adams, Florinda Laughlin, Stephanie Pico, Lindsay	Birthdate: 1/28 Holcombe, Hilding Kujda, Marion Pittman, Joan
Birthdate: 1/4 Garfield, Jeffrey Nieman, Jilian Simon-Newton, Ephraim Simon-Newton, Ezra	Birthdate: 1/12 Haney, Blake Peludat, Richard Taylor, Nicole	Birthdate: 1/21 Schaner, Gynell	Birthdate: 1/29 Clees, Mary
Birthdate: 1/6 Koch, Kevin Valdes, Emily Webb, Darlene	Birthdate: 1/13 Brown, Paul	Birthdate: 1/22 Gillespie, Keith Guilmette, Kaylee Newell, Laura Wlotkowski, Matt	Birthdate: 1/30 Cieslinski, Glenda Guilmette, Trevor Kratt, Larissa
Birthdate: 1/7 Anderson, Elizabeth Brown, Jason Hill, David Louwers, Brian	Birthdate: 1/14 Manteuffel, Al	Birthdate: 1/24 Milz, Sara Mueller, Eric Wetzel, Patricia Woodward, Courtney	Birthdate: 1/31 Limbaugh, Beverly Simon-Newton, Esther
Birthdate: 1/8 Gersch, Wilbert Lillis, Michael Rokicki, Evan Sigman, Wilma	Birthdate: 1/16 Lawrence, Sandra Pomroy, Wesley	Birthdate: 1/17 Burch, Harold Smyth, Martha	
Birthdate: 1/9 Saunders, Betty	Birthdate: 1/18 Cavicchioli, Tara Gostiaux, Jacob	Birthdate: 1/25 Wlotkowski, Susie	
		Birthdate: 1/26 Sides, Cary Tripp, Marilyn	

Gift's to Our Lord...Memorials & Special Donations

St. Paul Church

In Memory of Charlotte Sommerfeld

Jean Frincke, Pat Gillespie, M/M Bob Rutledge, Lois Bleson, M/M Claude Olsen, M/M Ken Trepanier, M/M Will Russ, Gary Grieve, M/M Don Sommerfeld, M/M Frank Perry, Susan Beyerlein Family, Ranae Beyerlein, Jeanette Till, M/M Carl Schiele, M/M Ed Grene

In Memory of Agnes Frincke

Gerry Breyfogle

In Memory of George Lenz

Corinne Fuelling, M/M Art Jackson,

Constance Grabowski

In Memory of John Lacey

Lucille, Alan & Floyd Lacey

In memory of Dorothy Lacey

Pat Gillespie, M/M Chester Limbaugh

Garden Club

In Memory of Charlotte Sommerfeld

Cliff VanNest, M/M William Woodruff

Chancel Choir

In Memory of Charlotte Sommerfeld

M/M John Wendland, Miriam Melvin

School Fund

In Memory of Charlotte Sommerfeld

Jane Butala

Lydia Wiedbusch Fund

In Memory of Charlotte Sommerfeld

M/M Larry Ainsworth, M/M Dan Sendek

CEF Debt Reduction

In Memory of Charlotte Sommerfeld

M/M Richard Baker

Pay-A-Bill

In Memory of Mabel Brown

Joan Feldmann

Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8:15 a.m. Traditional
 Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Praise
 Monday, 6:30 p.m. Traditional
 Sr. Com Service (3rd Wednesday)
 11:00 a.m.
 School Chapel (Wednesday's)
 8:30 a.m.
*Please call, 248-541-0613 for
 special holiday services*

Contact Us

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 E-Mail Church:
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 E-Mail School:
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 Church Hours 8:30am-4:30pm
 School Hours 8:00am-4:00pm

Financial Report 11/28-12/19

General Fund	\$57,036.16
Advent Services	\$ 5,694.61
Dedicated	\$ 9,229.00
CEF Debt Reduction	<u>\$ 2,736.00</u>
Totals	\$74,695.77

Attendance Report 11/28-12/19

(Communion) *Includes Advent*

Members	2,274	(621)
Guests	<u>117</u>	_____
Totals	2,391	(621)

Member Matters

Baptisms:

Julia Lebnick	11-28-10
Iris Louwers	11-28-10
Owen Louwers	11-28-10
Molly Newell	12-05-10
Jacob Kiewski	12-19-10

Funerals:

Dorothea Lacey	12-16-10
John Kerr	12-22-10

School Ministry

Fundraising Notes:

- **Box Tops For Education** are being collected in the office. These can be redeemed for school materials as well!
- **Market Day:** Flyers available in the church lobby monthly.
- **Help** us with items we already use while recycling at the same time. **Terracycle** will pay us .02 for every **Capri Sun wrapper** we send in. In addition, we joined the Elmer's glue brigade where terracycle will pay us .02 for each **Elmer's glue/glue stick container** we send in. There will be an all collection box in each classroom.
- We are waiting for an opening in the **Papermate** brigade, so lets start collecting **Sharpie, papermate, and Expo pens and markers** and as soon as they open more spaces to collect we will already be ahead of the game.
- **Campbell Labels**
 Thank you to everyone who has donated labels this year. This will certainly enhance our schools ability to provide a quality education which allows us to purchase equipment and such for our school. (Remember this school year, Campbell's now requires a UPC code and not the front label). You may leave them in the church/school offices.

2011 AUCTION "Fit for Life in Christ!"



Body, Mind & Soul"

This years auction planning is underway! This spectacular event will take place on **Saturday, April 2, 2011** at 5pm at the Royal Oak Elks Lodge (4th St. at I-75). This years **special project** that the auction will benefit is **gymnasium/lunchroom beautification**. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please see full outline on the bulletin board in the church lobby or your monthly Masthead.

There are many ways in which you can help to make this a great event: work on a committee, all committees will have openings for volunteers, and we truly need your help to make this event a success. We will also need many volunteers the day and night of the auction, sign up sheets will be available as time approaches.

We also need everyone to start thinking about obtaining donations: talk to people you know who own businesses, offer services, etc.: your hairstylist, a cloth-

ing stores you frequent, a service business, sporting tickets. Do you bake, teach, clean, cook, garden? Why not offer "cookie of the month", flower bed clean up, housecleaning or tutoring services? Donations can be in the form of a gift certificate, or merchandise. Donation receipts can be found on the St. Paul website or in the tower by the office.

Volunteers...All meetings will be Thursdays at 6:30pm. Dates: 1/13, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31. Contact Laura Klein for more information 248-629-9633 or if you can't make these meetings.

Thrivent Choice is here!

Thrivent members should have received a letter last summer telling them the 2010 estimated amount of their Thrivent Choice Dollars. Members eligible for "Choice Dollars" can help direct charitable dollars to St. Paul Lutheran School. Visit Thrivent.com/choicedollars to begin. Or, call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Log in or register. Click on the box Direct Choice Dollars. In the organization name box type St. Paul Lutheran School and click Direct Now. Then click on Set Up Recurring. When your balance reaches \$10 or more in your account your Choice Dollars will automatically be directed to St. Paul. Thank you in advance for your support!

Bible Studies & Classes

WEEKLY

Sunday's 9:30 am

'Romans', with Kevin Calhoun, church lounge

Adult Information Class

aimed at becoming a member of St. Paul with Pastor Schultz & Vicar Trevor. Begins January 23.

'Lutheranism 101', with Pastor Schultz & Vicar Trevor

Monday 9:30 am

'Jesus, the One and Only', church lounge, Lisa McNeal

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Young Adults Bible Study, with Vicar Trevor

Wednesday 10:00 am

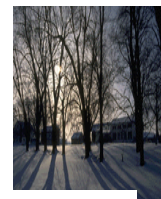
'Exodus' Bible Study, church lounge, with Pastor Schultz and Vicar Trevor

MONTHLY

3rd Monday of Month 10:00am

"The Parables" with Pastor

James Ackerman, in the church lounge



Baby it's cold outside...come in and Study the Word.