

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

FROM PASTOR HAEUSSLER

Dedication of New Bibles in Memory of Paul Gerlach. For a while now, we've been wanting to get more Bibles for the Church. We've been wanting to do this for the following reasons (not necessarily in order of importance): more and more of the Bibles were becoming quite worn; more and more of the Bibles were disappearing, primarily from the Upper Fellowship Hall and the Bible Study Room (which is not a bad thing!); and, in line with the last reason, we need more Bibles for the Bible Studies that are held in these areas.

Then the question could be asked, why aren't we doing what we've done in the recent past and order more of these Bibles? These Bibles contain the New International Version (NIV) while the Bibles we are purchasing contain the English Standard Version (ESV). The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod does not have or endorse an official translation of the Bible. However, Concordia Publishing House consistently strives to use the same translation in all of their publications and resources. For years, they used the NIV which was in the "old" hymnal, Lutheran Worship, in the published lectionaries (readings from the Bible used in worship services), and in their publication of Luther's Small Catechism. However, they are now using the ESV in the newest hymnal, Lutheran Service Book, in the lectionaries, and in Luther's Small Catechism. Hence, our decision to purchase ESV Bibles.

For months now, Director of Adult Christian Education Linda Gerlach, has been praying over how to use the gifts given in memory of Paul. For those who are newer, Paul Gerlach served as Principal of St. Paul Lutheran School for 25 years (1977 to 2002). Along with this, he served the Church in many capacities including Bible Study leader and worship assistant. In 1998, the Eastern District named him Lutheran Schools Administrator of the Year, and in 2015 both he and Linda received the most prestigious Servant of Christ Award. What I, personally, will remember most about Paul is this: he loved his students and the love of God in Jesus shone brightly through him at all times. The new ESV Bibles will be officially dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Paul at each of our three services this Sunday and Monday. We are honored that both Linda and Julie will take part in this! The remaining memorial funds are being applied to our Lutheran School Tuition Assistance Fund. If you have questions about this fund, please ask us!

The NIV Bibles that were donated by a member and/or given in memory of a loved one have been placed on a table in the Gathering Place. We are seeking to find a new home for the others. If you have any suggestions, please let us know!

GOD'S LOVE SHINING THROUGH US . . . OPENING DOORS AND CHANGING LIVES!

***** WORSHIP SCHEDULE *****

Sunday Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.
(Communion late on the 1st & 3rd, early on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)
Sunday Adult Education Hour at 9:20 A.M.
KREW (Kids Receiving Everlasting Wisdom) at 9:30 A.M.
Monday Worship at 7:00 P.M. (Communion on the 1st and 3rd weekends)

NEXT SUNDAY - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. How do we always forgive? “FORGIVE AND FORGIVE AND . . .” is the power to live message from Genesis 50 and Matthew 18. Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. - Uplifting Worship with Communion at 10:45. Monday at 7:00 P.M. - Uplifting Worship with Communion.

WE ARE FRIENDLY! But do our visitors know this? Let’s go out of our way to greet those we do not recognize. May the love of God SHINE brightly through us to one another!

CONFIRMATION CLASS ASSIGNMENTS - Assignments for Thursday, September 14 (we will meet in the library - lower hallway of the education building):

* **FIRST YEAR CLASS** - Read Questions 1-12 on pages 47-53 of Luther’s Small Catechism. Read Chapter One from The Story: The Beginning of Life as We Know It. A Worship Summary Form. Read Mark chapter 1 from the Bible. Mentor Question: “What is the most important aspect about being a Christian?”

* **SECOND YEAR CLASS** - Read Questions 1-12 on pages 47-53 of Luther’s Small Catechism. Complete Lesson One (Introduction) from Exploring Luther’s Small Catechism. A Worship Summary Form. Read Matthew chapter 1 from the Bible. Mentor Question: “What is the most important aspect about being a Christian?”