

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 & MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018**

**FROM PASTOR HAEUSSLER**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** Reflections upon last Sunday . . .

**District President Wicher' message.** When I found out that he was going to be our special guest preacher, I told him that I preferred this to be a celebration not focused upon me, yet rather focused upon the congregation. After all, a Pastor cannot survive - let alone be so blessed - for twenty years unless it is a congregational, a team, effort. All blessings come from God alone and the blessings of these past twenty years have come from God working through each of us serving together as brothers and sisters in faith at St. Paul Lutheran Church. President Wicher did an awesome job of bringing this glorious truth to light.

**Emmett's song.** If you were not here or arrived after the service began, I am so sorry that you missed this once in a lifetime gem! As special pre-service music, Emmett presented "Mama, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Preachers!" It was quite funny focusing upon many of my . . . "peculiarities" with which you have patiently put up with these past twenty years! (As I often told Kristian and Tom when they were younger, "Don't dish it out if you can't take it!") Playing the role of Loretta Lynn were Karen Harms (Sunday early), Linda Gerlach (Monday), and (Sunday late) my Mother! That was the definition of surreal for me having my blessed Mother up there singing that. (Many people who arrived after the early service began made it a point to stick around for the beginning of the late service!) There are a couple of great pictures from this on my FaceBook page!

**Karlnak.** I left the banquet for a couple of minutes and I missed Karlnak! Apparently there were a lot of inside jokes that I hope were explained adequately!

**District President Belasic's speech.** I was very moved by Pastor Belasic's speech at the banquet. He, too, did a fantastic job of bringing forth that this was primarily a congregational celebration. I was glad he was there as I do not believe I would still be here if not for his encouragement during my early years here. As many of you remember, there were many huge challenges before us during those years and they were far too great for me or for any us. President Belasic directed me to the Lord of Church Who has more than enough strength and peace and hope for us all and Who truly works all things for good!

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed in any way to last Sunday or to my thirty years in the pastoral ministry or to my twenty years at St. Paul Lutheran!

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, early on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends)

**NEXT SUNDAY & MONDAY** - . Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Sunday at 8:00 A.M. - Traditional Worship with Communion. Sunday at 10:45 A.M. - Contemporary Worship. Monday at 7:00 P.M. - Uplifting Worship.

**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 CLASSES ASSIGNMENTS** for this Thursday, October 11:

\* **FIRST YEAR CLASS** - Read Questions 48-54 on pages 74-76 of Luther’s Small Catechism. Read Chapter Five from The Story: “New Commands and a New Covenant.” Complete a Worship Summary Form. Read Mark chapter 5 from the Bible. Mentor Question: “What is one of the most important things you learned from your parents?”

\* **SECOND YEAR CLASS** - Read Questions 48-54 on pages 74-76 of Luther’s Small Catechism. Complete Lesson Five, “The Ten Commandments; The Fourth Commandment” from Exploring Luther’s Small Catechism. Complete a Worship Summary Form. Read Matthew chapter 5 from the Bible. Mentor Question: “What is one of the most important things you learned from your parents?”

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** - Are you looking to become an official member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and/or interested in a refresher in the basic teachings and practices of our Lutheran Church? An Adult Information Class will be held each Sunday/Monday at 7:00/8:00 p.m. during October beginning this Sunday/Monday. You just need to attend one class on either Sunday or Monday. Any questions or concerns? Please contact us!