



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

August 2021

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ONE
CONGREGATION



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LOCATIONS

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Pastor's Corner



The Greek word for fish is: ΙΧΘΥΣ (pronounced *ICK - THUS*)

In the early Christian church (which spoke primarily Greek) believers would mark their homes or places of meeting with a fish. Or when a Christian was meeting someone who they thought might be a Christian they could draw one half of the fish symbol in the dirt and if the other person completed it by drawing the other half you would know they were also a Christian. This would be a sign known only to Christians initially and unknown to the authorities which often persecuted the members of the Christian faith. Still today we see people with the sign of the fish on their doors or car bumpers. But what exactly does it mean?

Well, it's an acronym that uses the first letter of five Greek words to form the Greek word "fish." The acronym really has nothing to do with fish, however, and is all about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Take a look at the explanation below and see if you can answer the questions with help from the Bible passages mentioned.

The first letter, **I**, is the first letter of the word **Jesus** in Greek.
Read Matthew 1:21.

1. What does the name Jesus mean?

The second letter, **X**, is the first letter of the word **Christ** in Greek.
Read John 7:41-42.

2. What was the significance of Jesus being called "Christ" (aka "Messiah" or "Anointed One")?

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The third letter, **TH**, is the first letter of the word **God's** in Greek.

The fourth letter, **U**, is the first letter of the word **Son** in Greek.

Read John 10:36-38 and John 5:18

3. What are the implications of Jesus calling himself "God's Son"?

The fifth letter, **S**, is the first letter of the word **Savior** in Greek.

Read John 4:42.

4. How far does Jesus' saving work extend?

5. Why is the fish a good symbol for Christians to display?

6. What other symbols remind you of your God and what he has done for you?

CHURCH PICNIC

Our Mauston/Adams joint Church picnic will be held at Easton-White Creek Lions Park, Co Rd H, WI Dells. It is west of Hwy 13 in Adams County. It is on August 8th at 12:00 noon. This is the same location as last 2 Picnics prior to the covid 19 shut down. This year included at the picnic there will also be a celebration in recognition of Pastor Wilke's 20th year anniversary as a Pastor.

The Church will provide the meat, buns, condiments, coffee, lemon aide, water, plastic silverware, plates, and napkins. The rest of the meal will be potluck and we are asking all those who attend to please contribute a dish to pass such as a salad, vegetable, hot dish, dessert, chips, pickles, other drink selections, etc..

So that we can more accurately make plans for what the Church will provide, we are asking everyone who plans to attend to please sign up on the forms are provided in the Narthex with your name and the number planning to attend. Please indicate what you plan to bring so that others see what is being contributed.

There will be a Church service held at St Pauls in Mauston at 7:45 a.m. And then at Easton-White Creek Lions Park at 10:30am. The picnic will start at 12:00 noon.

Remember to save the date August 8th and hope to see you there. This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship between our two Church congregations and this the 1st time in a year and a half that we have been able to enjoy it together. Playgrounds are available for young children and a Basketball court and also Horseshoe throwing pit.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up after the picnic.

There is a sign up sheet out in the narthex.

Thank you Barry Voigt/Fellowship Chairman, Mauston and Greg Pope/Fellowship Chairman, Adams

Direction's From Mauston to Easton-White Creek Lions Park

From Mauston, go East on State Hwy 82. Proceed to the Junction with State Hwy 13, which is a 4way stop. There won't be other stops before State Hwy 13.

Turn Left (North) on Hwy 13.

Go North on Hwy 13, approximately 3.7 miles, to County Road "H". There isn't a stop sign, so look fo the County Road sign.

Turn Left (West) on County Road "H."

White Creek Lions Park is on Left, approximately 1/8 mile down County Road "H."

Look for the Parking sign on Left to see where to turn in.

Handicap Parking is at 2nd Entrance to the park when driving on "H."

ADDITIONS TO ST. PAUL'S



Baptisms:

*Landon Stoeckly(6/22/2021)
Colton Winchester(6/27/2021)*

Confirmations:

Eli Hamilton(6/27/2021)

Transfer In

Laurie Lucksted(6/8/2021)

Professions of Faith

*Wayne and Laurie
Kenke(6/6/2021)*

BUS DRIVER NEEDED

We need an individual or individuals to drive our students to Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran School in Wonewoc, Wisconsin for the 2021 – 2022 academic school year. This is a paid or compensation position. We can assist you in securing your commercial driver's license as a bus driver. If interested, please contact Lee Schnell, the Education Committee Chairman, or Randy Marschall, the Church Financial Secretary.

SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church was able again this year to provide scholarships to students in our congregation who will be attending a WELS high school, college, and/or seminary during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Our congregation has two students attending MLC (Martin Luther College). They are Katie Wilke and Andrew Deisinger. MLC has a special scholarship program in place again this year that will match whatever scholarship amount our congregation gives up to \$1,000.00 per student. We were able to meet the \$1,000.00 limit for each student. Our scholarship to them will be applied to their fall semester. Then MLC will give both Katie and Andrew a \$1,000.00 each toward their spring semester.

Our congregation has three other students that each received \$583.01. They are Kristine Deisinger (attending

Bible Brain Teaser Quiz

Answers on page 3

Creatures Great and Small – Birds

1. On which day of creation did God create chickens?
2. Which two birds did Noah send out from the ark after the flood?
3. On the wilderness journey, God gave the people what birds to eat?
4. Which prophet was fed by ravens?
5. What was the value of two sparrows in Jesus day?
6. The first of the four beasts in Revelation was a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, but the fourth beast was like
7. In Psalm, David wrote, "And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away, and ...
8. Whose hair was grown like eagles' features, and his nails like birds' claws?
9. Who said "I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls?"
10. To whom was Jesus speaking when he said, "Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?"

Wisconsin Lutheran College), Rachel Wilke and Logon Sellnow (both attending Luther Prep).

The funds for these scholarships came from the interest earned on our congregation's scholarship fund that we have setup and administered by a WELS affiliate -and- some individual giving. A thank you goes out to the individuals who setup and donated money to our congregational scholarship fund over the past years - and- the generous individuals who have given money to assist in providing additional dollars to this year's scholarship amounts.

Thank you also to our scholarship recipients for growing in God's Word at a WELS based facility. Have a great 2021-2022 academic year!

Respectfully submitted – Bob Storandt

**Bible Brain Teaser Quiz Answers
Creatures Great and Small – Birds**

1. Fifth (see Genesis 1:21-23)
2. Raven and dove (see Genesis 8:6-8)
3. Quails (see Numbers 11:31-32)
4. Elijah (see 1 Kings 17:1-7)
5. One farthing (see Matthew 10:29)
6. A flying eagle (see Revelation 4:7)
7. Be at rest (see Psalms 55:6)
8. Nebuchadnezzar (see Daniel 4:33)
9. Job (see Job 30:29)
10. His Disciples (see Luke 12:22-26)

**FREE WILL DOOR OFFERING--
FOOD PANTRY**

On Sunday/Monday, August 1/2, 2021, a free will door offering is scheduled for the purposes of making a monetary donation to our local Food Pantry. This offering, if your heart leads you to contribute, assists our local Food Pantry in supplying food to the less fortunate in our community.

A collection plate will be available at the door, as you leave the church sanctuary, on Sunday/Monday, August 1/2, 2021.

This monetary contribution is in addition to our normal food collections we provide at church which are donated to the Food Pantry.

Thank you for your contribution to this worthy cause.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF VOTER'S
MEETING**

There was a detailed discussion concerning the current COVID-19 Restrictions. The Voter's decided to allow the Church Council to determine what specific COVID-19 restrictions shall be lifted, along with the specific timeline to effectuate the lifting of any restriction(s). Please contact and speak with any member of the Church Council to discuss your position on any restriction, including but not limited to, communion, attendance books in the pews, the availability of hymnals, cleaning and disinfecting after each service, etc. The installation of the carpeting is complete; the only item remaining for this project is the installation of the baseboard in select rooms

or areas. The Voter's, as it relates to the parsonage, in anticipation of deeding it to the Wilke's, or a third party if the Wilke's elect not own the parsonage, is to obtain estimates on the following: the chimney refurbishing and the flashing around it, to include the inspection of the roof; the entire heating and cooling system for the home; and the basement water leakage. The Voter's, too, approved a test for radon gas and mold for the home. The Voter's, lastly, approved the purchase and installation of air conditioners for the church in Mauston from BTU for an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00. We do appreciate your taking the time, your candor and kindness when participating in the meeting, and your exchanging and expressing your thoughts, ideas, and opinions in love and in consideration for one another-- all in the Name of, and the Glory for, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

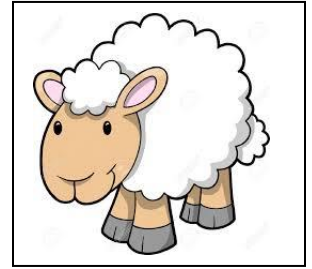
**DIVINE CALL TO PASTOR
STEPHEN C. MELSO**

This Sunday, July 25, 2021, our voters placed a divine call to Pastor Stephen C. Mello. Pastor Mello currently shepherds Bethany Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Bethany has a large congregation with 1448 members and 1155 communicants. Bethany is served by three (3) pastors, of which two (2) are full time, and one (1) is part time. Bethany also has a Lutheran elementary school with 187 students and 11 teachers.

Pastor Mello was born in Neenah, Wisconsin. He is married to Jane (nee Schumacher), and they have five (5) children, whose ages are 22, 20, 16, 13, and 9 years. Pastor Mello attended Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1991. After graduation, he attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS). While attending WLS, he served as a vicar at Ascension Lutheran Church in Mitchell, South Dakota. He graduated from WLS in 1995 with a Master of Divinity Degree. After his graduation from seminary, he served at Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) from September 1, 1995 until June 30, 1997, as a teacher. He left MLS for a divine call he received from Divine Word Lutheran Church in Ottawa, Ontario Canada, where he served as a pastor from July 1, 1997 until September 30, 2001. Please keep Pastor Mello, his wife, Jane, his children, and Bethany Lutheran Church in your prayers as the Holy Spirit guides Pastor Mello in considering, and in deliberating, the receipt of this divine call.

LIL' Lambs News

August will be a busy month at Lil' Lambs as summer school is complete and more school age children will be in attendance. There are 40 children enrolled and 6 full time/ 4 part time staff. St. Paul's Lil' Lambs will be hosting a CARNIVAL on Aug.17th from 5- 630/645pm on the church grounds! We are inviting all families to come for supper, play games and listen to their children sing. Pastor Wilke will be having a short sermonette and the children will sing at 615. The evangelism committee is helping to plan the supper. Congregation members are invited to attend and/or help with games. There is a sign-up at church to help us determine the amount of food we need to prepare. Please consider helping with games and give out prizes!! We could use extra hands!!



The parking lot is complete! We have quotes for carpeting and hope to replace it this fall. The committee has also been talking about using some grant money funds to replace the siding on the building, build a gazebo for outside, adding trees to the play yard, and/or replace the shed outside. If you have any suggestions or are willing to help with any of these projects at Lil' Lambs please talk with Shar Weibel or call 847-2515.

God continues to truly bless us at Lil' Lambs. Please keep the families, children and staff in your prayers as we continue to teach children about Jesus and His love.

Mauston News & Notes

VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNEAU COUNTY FAIR

From Wednesday, August 18, 2021, until Sunday, August 22, 2021, St. Paul's will provide a booth at the Juneau County Fair to evangelize and share, with our community, the numerous Christian resources we offer in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We need volunteers to assist in the setup of our booth, which must, pursuant to fair rules, be completed no later than Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at noon, and volunteers to assist in the dismantling of our booth on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

The fair hours for our booth are from 10 am until 10 pm, except Sunday, August 22, when our booth opens at 8:00 am. This gives us an excellent opportunity to evangelize by spreading the Word of Jesus Christ to our community. Our fair booth sign-up sheet with the dates and hours is available in the narthex.

CHOIR

We are going to have choir this year and there maybe changes in time. Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for times and dates. Sing to the Lord a new song. Your Sister in Christ, Marilyn

PLEASE DON'T FORGET!!

On Sunday, August 8, 2021, after our 7:45 am service, we, as a congregation, are celebrating Pastor Wilke's 20TH Anniversary in the Ministry. Please join Pastor Wilke in congratulating him for his authentic faith, selfless service, enthusiasm in preaching and teaching God's Word, and his moral integrity he brings daily to the ministry. We are serving cake and refreshments in our Fellowship Hall to honor and show our appreciation for his faithful and devoted service

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mauston is hosting the Blood Drive August 11th at 12:30pm.

COUNCIL

Council Minutes



St. Paul's Council Meeting Sunday May 16, 2021 scheduled 6:00 pm meeting at Adams/Friendship St Paul's Church

Council members present: Barry Voigt, Matt Wirth, Bobby Hilson, Greg Pope, John Roemer, Todd Weibel, Pastor Wilke
Bible study, Leadership in the Parish, Lesson 3-Pastor Wilke

Council meeting, Call to order, 6:31pm

Motion by Matt Wirth, seconded by Greg Pope to accept the minutes from the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Hilson, seconded by Barry Voigt to accept the Pastor's report. Motion carried.

Review and discussion of Committee Reports

Review and discussion of Old Business

Discussion of New Business

-Motion by Bobby Hilson, seconded by Greg Pope to cancel the Church Council meeting scheduled for June 13, 2021 due to plans for prepping areas of the Church for new carpet installation. Motion carried.

-Motion by Bobby Hilson, seconded by Barry Voigt to replace the Baptismal font, Altar, and Pulpit at Adams/Friendship with newly built items as made by a Church member. Materials will be paid for by the Church Building Improvements Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Hilson, seconded by Barry Voigt to accept the Ministry plan report for St. Paul's and Lil' Lambs. Motion carried.

Closing prayer

Motion by Barry Voigt, seconded by Greg Pope to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

Absent: Pastor Sellnow, Lee Schnell, Sam Wollin

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE FOR MAY

WORSHIP REPORT FOR MAY

Worship committee meeting for St. Paul's-Mauston 5/3/21

Bible study Worship in the Confessions: Christ at the Center

Discussions on setting a priority list of the remaining improvements (figures listed are from Majic Production out of Waukesha. Still looking to contact Feurings for estimate.) The following are the results of the discussion:

1. Audio System Fix/Upgrade-Estimate \$1,793.52 plus \$2,025.00 labor AND a upgrade/estimate for the speakers/sound system, not able to locate this estimate total but was in the \$2000-2500 range.

2. Side TV's-Estimate \$4,922.25 plus \$2,601.25 labor. This cost does not reflect purchase and installation of the actual TV's. If they were purchased and installed by vendor this estimate would be about double.

3. PTZ Camera/Live streaming-Estimate \$4517.96 plus \$2,007.50 labor.

Recommendation from committee to rather than look into purchasing a new organ, to look into possibility of something more versatile like a new clavino with organ features.

Committee will likely not have another meeting until August or September

Closing prayer
Respectfully submitted,
Todd Weibel

FELLOWSHIP REPORT FOR MAY

There were no Fellowship activities at Saint Paul's in Mauston in April due to Covid 19 restrictions. Work is ongoing for future activities one of which is the combined St Pauls Mauston/Adams church

Picnic scheduled for August 8th. The \$50 fee for use of the Easton-White Creek Lions Park in Adams County was paid and it was also decided by congregation members to add Pastor Wilke's 20th year as a Pastor recognition to be held at the Picnic. A picnic planning committee will be formed with a sign up sheet for volunteers willing to serve on the committee and will be placed in the Narthex some time in May.

2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Respectfully submitted Barry Voigt/Fellowship Chairman

Adams Fellowship Report:

We had our first potluck Fellowship dinner on May 2nd there are 34 people that stayed for it there's plenty of good food a birthday cake for Pastor Sellnow we plan to have more on the first Sunday of every month people are looking forward to the church picnic August 8th until then May the Lord's blessing be with all of us thank you – Greg Pope

EDUCATION REPORT FOR MAY

The children at St. Paul's in Wonewoc will be performing their play for parents this coming Sunday the 16th after a 2-week covid break. They only have 2 weeks left of school.

Our daycare had a volunteer workday where several parents and board worked on putting new sand around equipment and cleaning out weeds around the playground. Most of the equipment got a new coat of stain until they ran out. The parking lot is ready for blacktop with all the old stuff removed and new base with breaker rock and gravel down and compacted. The new window has been installed along with the new refrigerator. Are currently 42 children full and part time. Daily attendance is 30-32 children.

BIC and Bible classes are continuing in both Mauston and Adams.

Respectfully submitted Lee Schnell

WORSHIP ELDERS REPORT FOR MAY

Mauston -Worship Elders

The COVID 19 outbreak halted most of our normal activities and meetings. Work is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted – Bob Storandt

EVANGELISM REPORT FOR MAY

Mauston -Evangelism report

The Evangelism Committee will commence our planning for the July 4, 2021, Fireworks Celebration, where we invite our congregation and our community to enjoy the fireworks from our Mauston parking lot. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2021, at 0:215 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Roemer

Adams Evangelism Report

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR MAY

Mauston-Stewardship

Open Council Position

Adams – Stewardship:

I am going to meet with Randy and Judge Roemer on Friday May 15th in Mauston to go over the Ministry Plan.

Adams Stewardship chairman, Bobby Hilson

BUILDING AND GROUNDS FOR MAY

Matt Wirth

Buildings & Grounds Chairman

Adams – Building and Grounds

Not too much to report on buildings and grounds Paul Cook's been working on the property trying to plant grass and doing a good job of it thanks Paul everything is working good we're looking forward to getting more rocks for in between the church and the walkway other than that may the Lord bless you be with us all thank you

Greg Pope

AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL



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|---|---|
| 1 Dorothy Roloff, John Potter | 15 Miranda Jirousek |
| 2 Arlene Janecek, Charles Clark, Melissa Guist, Dennis Eberhardt | 16 |
| 3 Lou Ann Van Doren, Dale Stoughtenger, Frederick Krause, Gavin Neve | 17 Andrew Weiland, Dee Adee, Josh Best, Barb Cook |
| 4 Lewis Pearsey, Brandon Stoughtenger, Nikki Coppennoll, Lisa Wilke, Linda Stechmesser | 18 Karen Nichols, Angela Scharnow, Mark Messer, Mason Dominguez |
| 5 Mark Roemer, Tiffany Luke | 19 Joshua Jopling, Cindy Bolton |
| 6 Todd Owens, Emily Metke | 20 Bernard Puhl, |
| 7 Teresa Haas, Michelle Schnell, Dante Spence, Cynthia Eberhardt | 21 Neal Laack, Risa Jirousek, Katelyn Chase, Xaris Sellnow |
| 8 Jason Bork, Jeff Deisinger | 23 Zachary Smart |
| 9 Jennie Schultz, Karyl Demaske, John Roemer, Emma Pfaff, Ronny Poff, Steve Gorder, Kathy Martins | 24 Debbie Boshardy, Richard Dahlgren, Kiera Woodard, Mitchell Schlichting, Darwin Pease, Megan Thompson |
| 10 Richard Lueneberg, Andrew Trute, Teresa Coy | 25 Angela Elliott, Kylee Haagenson, Joshua Huth, Hayley Schneider |
| 11 Raymond Krueger, Cassidy Hastings, Audrey Laack, Isabella Brewer | 26 Robert Firlus, Zachary Mills, Terri Treptow |
| 12 Seth Mills | 27 |
| 13 Jackie Pfaff, Chuck Noth, Gary Klein, Andrew Wilke | 28 Cynthia Rahberger, Angel Lee Spence |
| 14 Jared Harmon, Alan Ruf, Debra Miltimore, Gloria Weimer, Weston Haldeman | 29 Thomas Lueneberg, Irene Steffen, Robert Trepish, Dale Meinert |
| | 30 Stacy Hartje, Audrey Barnhart, Katelyn Evans |
| | 31 Toni Seeley, Bobby Hilson |

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15 Pentecost 12 7:45 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	16 6:00 pm Worship	17 Lil' Lambs carnival 10:00 am Crestview worship service	18 Mauston Fair	19 Mauston Fair	20 Mauston Fair	21 Mauston Fair wedding for Denise and Jerome 10:00 am Fairview worship service
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Adams-Friendship – St. Paul’s

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In Mauston: 517 Grayside Ave. - across from the Mauston schools
In Adams-Friendship: 511 West Lake St., Friendship
Worship in Mauston: Sunday at 7:45 and 10:30 am, Monday at 6 pm
Worship in Adams-Friendship: Sunday at 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:15 am in Adams-Friendship (during school year)

The Good News Letter