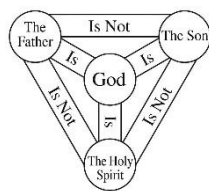


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Message from the Pastor



Trinity

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (1 Corinthians 13:14)

A family was traveling with their 3-year-old daughter to the Atlantic Ocean for the first time. When they got to the beach, the little girl ran out to the water with a little pail in her hand. She managed to scoop up a little water amid the small waves, then ran back all excited. “Mommy! Daddy! I’ve got the ocean in my pail!”

Trying to comprehend the nature of God is like trying to put the ocean in a little pail—our puny little minds just can’t grasp something so great. We only can express what God has told us in his Word, the Bible. God gave glimpses of himself in the Old Testament, to Moses when he proclaimed his name, the LORD (Ex. 34:5-7), and when Moses said, “Hear, O Israel; the LORD our God, the LORD is one” (Deut. 6:4). Yet, in the Old Testament we get hints of a plural nature within God, when he spoke at creation, “Let *us* make man...” (Gen. 1:26). The 3-fold repetition of the LORD’s name in Aaron’s benediction (Numbers 6:23-26), and the 3-fold repetition of his description as holy by the angels in Isaiah 6, speak of a “three-ness” of this on God.

The New Testament adds more knowledge about God to us. God revealed himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ, who said, “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30), and “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). In the above passage, and in Matthew 28:19, the three persons of God are listed as Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit. To help us get a handle on this description of God, the early church coined the word “triune”—three in one—to describe God as being three persons, yet one, undivided God.

The first Sunday after Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday. On that day we contemplate the mystery of God’s nature, and how he has been revealed to us as one God, three persons. We’ve learned this in confirmation class, but we won’t ever come to a point where we can say we know all there is to know about God. That would be like the girl saying she’s got the ocean in her little pail. The teaching of the Trinity humbles us, but it also makes us grateful to know that the LORD is our God, that he loves us, and that we’ll get to spend eternity with him in heaven, thanks to the second person of the Trinity, Jesus.

-Pastor Timothy Blauert

June Worship

Sunday, June 1 7th Sunday of Easter. 8:30 a.m. communion service. Theme: “Christ Has Ascended: Be United by Him.”

Sunday, June 8 Pentecost Sunday. 7:30 and 10 a.m. worship. Theme: The language of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, June 15 Trinity Sunday. 7:30 and 10 a.m. communion services. Theme: The Blessing of the Triune God.

Sunday, June 22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost. 7:30 and 10 a.m. worship. Theme: The Lord’s Word Overcomes Evil.

Sunday, June 29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost. 7:30 and 10 a.m. worship. Theme: Be Focused Followers of Jesus.

Daily Devotions in June

Devotions in June will finish the book of Isaiah and the prophet Hosea, along with Psalms 70-77. Continue your daily diet of the Word!

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Ice Cream Social: June 1

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After the 8:30 am church service on June 1, we will have an ice cream social to congratulate those who got confirmed on May 4th: Cooper Hehenberger, Rylee Zeman (at St. John's, Baraboo), and Colson Zimmerman. Congratulations, confirmands!



St. Paul's and "Freedom Days"

North Freedom is celebrating "Freedom Days" from June 27-29. St. Paul's is going to be involved! The Ladies' Aid will have a cookie stand and sell cookies and water. We will be baking cookies at church on June 2 and 3, starting at 1 p.m. both days, and on June 6 starting at 10 a.m. if needed.

St. Paul's is also planning to have a float for the parade which will be at noon on Sunday, June 29. If you would like to help with the float, you may sign up at church.

School Supplies Collection

School supplies will be collected the months of June & July. The supplies collected will be divided between the North Freedom School and St. John's Lutheran School.

WITH THE LORD



On Saturday, May 10, the Lord graciously took the soul of Faith Verstein home to heaven. She was given a Christian funeral at St. Paul's on May 20 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. Please keep her family in your prayers. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:13)



BIBLE STUDY

Our Summer Bible study series will be on one of St. Paul's epistles, inspired letters from the Holy Spirit. We'll announce which book we are studying on June 1st. The first Bible Class will be on Sunday, June 15th. We encourage all members, especially adults and teens, to attend.

GAME NIGHT: Monday, June 16

We invite you to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with our game night, June 16, at 6:30 p.m.! Bring your favorite board game or cards, a snack to share, and a friend! (Or, if the group wants and the weather's good, we may go out mini-golfing!)

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GREETERS



We've started the "greeter" position at St. Paul's. We are asking confirmed members to come to the service 15 to 20 minutes early and greet all who come, and to assist visitors with church information. You may sign up at the table in the fellowship hall. Thanks for serving...and greeting!

CARDS



Mary Klemm is our Sunshine Lady for St. Paul's. If anyone is sick or needs a card of encouragement, please contact her.

ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild sign-up sheet for 2025 is on the table in the fellowship hall. This is a great way to help with worship at St. Paul's. Please speak with Rose Vertein if you are interested and have questions. Thank you!

Altar Flowers



On the table in the fellowship hall, please sign up to bring altar flowers for a particular Sunday, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, in memory of a loved one, or just on your own. Please refer to the directions in the fellowship hall for caring for altar flowers.

Vacation Bible School

June 24-26 at St. John's Lutheran School, 515 5th Street, Baraboo

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

"TRAVEL BACK IN TIME: BACK to JERUSALEM"

Kids must be ages 4K to 5th grade entering next school year. Contact Cindy Allen, 920-344-0455, or email: callen@barabooccs.com.

August 4-7 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, North Freedom

Time: 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

For kids ages 4K to 6th grade entering next school year. More details will come later in June!

St. Paul's to participate in MLC Congregation Grant again this Summer

St. Paul's will be donating \$800 to MLC (Martin Luther College) Congregational Partner Grant program for Faith Blauert's tuition next semester. This was not a budgeted item for the 2025 budget, so the council is asking for personal gifts toward the grant program if you wish. Checks should be made to St. Paul's. Thank you!

Our Offerings & Service to the Lord

Apr. 27, 7:30 am Attend.: 31; Offering: \$1,085
10 am Attend.: 16; Offering: \$465
May 4, 8:30 am Attend.: 61; Offering: \$1,745
May 11, 7:30 am Attend.: 33; Offering: \$1,335
10 am Attend.: 17; Offering: \$740
May 18, 7:30 am Attend.: 37; Offering: \$1,168
10 am Attend.: 17; Offering: \$345

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ST. PAUL'S "INFORMATION" PAGE

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Church secretary: Elaine Shimniok

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tkblauert@outlook.com.

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Worship times: Sundays 7:30 and 10 a.m.

First Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sunday School: Sundays at 8:45 a.m., or after
the service on the first Sunday of the month
(starting in September).

Adult Bible study: Sundays at 8:45 a.m. or
after the service on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Church Council

President: Jim Dohner

Vice-president: Dave Zimmerman

Secretary: John Shimniok

Treasurer: Mark Shimniok

Financial secretary: Jeremy Zimmerman

Head usher: Bill Page.

Ladies' Aid

President: Elaine Shimniok

Secretary: Kristine Blauert

Treasurer: Elaine Shimniok

Sunshine Lady: Mary Klemm

LWMS Reporter: Linda Ennis

Church organist

Susan Grossenbacher

Church Custodian Vonnie Leifer

**Please remember our shut-in members with
your prayers and visits**

Ellie Schultz

Please let Pastor know if you are sick, in the
hospital, or are having any other difficulties.
He'll be glad to visit and have a devotion and
pray with you, as well as offer communion.
His contact information is on the left column of
this page.



Happy Anniversary to:

Lori & Ron Cook (June 3, 2014)

Jeremy & Lacy Zimmerman (June 20, 2009)

Darrell & Marilyn Weiland (June 25, 1966)

John & Jennifer Shimniok (June 30, 1979)

Wayne & Donna Verlein (June 30, 1973)



Happy Birthday to:

David Zimmerman – June 11

Richard Hehenberger – June 12

Coreana Platt – June 14

Rebecca Klaetsch – June 15

Zachary Klingensmeyer – June 17

Victor Schneider – June 17

Kendall McFann – June 19

Marilyn Weiland – June 23

Mark Shimniok – June 29

Passage to ponder this month: John 16:13.

*"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will
guide you into all the truth."*