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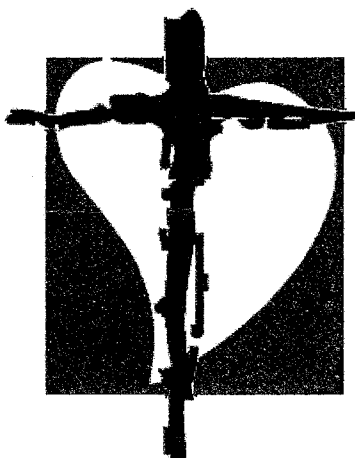
2008

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ..."

Ephesians 3:17-18

How can we measure the love of God? With what can we gauge His affection and compassion for us? Can it be measured? Can it be calculated? If so, what's the formula? Can His love be plotted on a graph or bar chart? Can His love be divided into quantities? Can we actually measure God's love? The answer of course is no. No, we can't plug God into some complex formula and come up with His "love quotient." For how can you measure infinity? How can you measure something that is "beginning-less" and endless? How can you measure something that has no top or bottom; that has no depth or height; that has no length or width? We can't. It is impossible for us to totally grasp, "how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

And yet, God has revealed to us the depths of His love. He has given us a clue regarding the height of His compassion for us. He has given us an instrument to measure the lengths He will go to forgive us. He has given us a measuring stick. It's made up of two wooden beams. One is vertical and stands about 8 feet tall and is intersected by the second beam which runs horizontally and is about 6 feet long.



The measuring stick that is used to measure God's love for us sinners is the cross upon which our Savior, Jesus Christ died. So great was our Heavenly Father's love for us that "while we were still sinners" (Rom. 5:8), He sent His son to die on the cross in our place, for our sins. If we

want to measure God's love for us, we simply have to look to the cross and see our Savior crucified for us. And if we want to measure our Savior's power over sin and death, we simply have to look to the empty tomb. For He is Risen! God's love can be measured... with a cross and an open grave.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

- Ephesians 3:20, 21

In Christ,

Pastor Eckels

SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Prepare for worship by studying the following texts)

June 1	Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28	Romans 3:21-28	Matthew 7:15-29
June 8	Hosea 5:15-6:6	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-23
June 15	Exodus 19:2-8	Romans 5:6-15	Matthew 9:35-10:8
June 22	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:5a, 21-33
June 29	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Romans 7: 1-13	Matthew 10:34-42

OUR RESPONSE TO THE LORD'S LOVE IN WORSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Bible Classes</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Centennial Fund</u>
April 27	255	43	73	\$7952	\$ 877	\$ 530
April 28	58					
May 1	52 (Ascension)					
May 4	401	31	29	\$14,419	\$ 938	\$ 605
May 5	78					
May 11	346	35	35	\$ 8941	\$ 838	\$ 140
May 12	43					
May 18	295	46	79	\$13,238	\$ 777	\$ 120
May 19	68					
May 25	125	29	64	\$ 8,826	\$1,037	\$ 855
May 26	36					

OFFICIAL ACTS, MAY, 2008

DEATHS: Wanda Lutterman, 4/23; Kathleen Pajak, 5/5; Wilma Keck, 5/25

WEDDING: Tara Reuber and Shane Gibbs, 5/3

CONFIRMATION: Lindsey Albin, Carrie Daugherty, Jeramy David, David Feigel, Ella Ferguson, Jordan Hill, Joshua Johnson, Quentin Loeffler, Logan Powell, Jesse Ramsey, Jonathon Rusche, Natalie Thomas, Lucas Wilhite

GENERATIONS OF BELIEVERS UPDATE

The following is a summary of contributions to the Generations of Believers Campaign through March, 2008.

Commitments:	\$480,958
Gifts to date:	\$508,741
Expenses to date:	\$484,779
Account Balance:	\$ 23,962

We would like to bring the campaign to an official close at the end of September. Please continue make your gifts. If you need more time to complete your pledge that is okay. There are some things that we planned to do as part of the campaign that we were not certain if we would be able to complete. As the year progresses we will be able to determine if there are funds available to allow us to proceed with any of the other items that were part of the original plan. Thank you for your continued support of this effort!

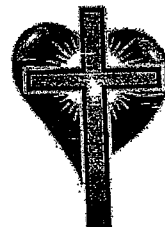
June 1 - "Righteousness Revealed" Romans 3:21-28
Rev. Paul Schoemaker, Emanuel, New Haven IN

June 8 - "Faith in God" Romans 4:16-17
Rev. Richard Koehneke, Holy Cross, Fort Wayne, IN

June 15 - "The Father's Love" Romans 5:6-8
Rev. Gerald Hartke, Prince of Peace, Oregon, OH

June 22 - "A Marvelous Summary" Romans 6:23
Rev. Daniel Brege, St. Paul, Decatur, IN

June 29 - "The Mind of Christ" Matthew 10:34-42
Rev. Paul Schoemaker, Emanuel, New Haven, IN



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Evansville

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**Our Lutheran Heritage - St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church - Evansville Indiana
Karin Marie Kirsch - Church Archives**

St. Paul's First Pastor - Pastor George Bachmann

Pastor George Bachmann was born in Altstadt, Rheinphalz, Bavaria in 1837 and served as pastor for Lutheran congregations in Cincinnati and Reading, Ohio. At that time he was a member of the Lutheran Church - Ohio Synod.. In 1876 he accepted the call of Emanuel Lutheran Church on Franklin Street and moved to Evansville Indiana.

The Emanuel congregation had separated itself from Trinity in the mid 1850s. It actually had two locations: 1 - Emanuel on Franklin St. and 2 - Emanuel's associate congregation in Perry Township, near USI. [The church's cemetery was next to the country church and still exists on Middle Mount Vernon Road. The German records clearly identify which congregation the members attended.]

Emanuel Lutheran Church had been a member of the Lutheran Church - Ohio Synod since 1869. [Other Lutheran congregations in this area served by pastors from the Ohio Synod include Trinity Lutheran, St. Mark's, and Zion Elberfeld. In 1930 the Ohio Synod became part of the American Lutheran Church and today it is part of ELCA.]

Emanuel Lutheran Congregation in Evansville was large. A wooden school had been built in 1857 next to the church, and provided housing for the school teacher and his family. Records show that there was a time when this building served both Trinity and Emanuel as the lower school, and Trinity's building was used for the upper grades. [This wooden building was replaced by a brick school building in 1890, which was recently razed.]

At some time in the early 1880s Pastor Bachmann became a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and the 1889 History of Vanderburgh County Indiana by Brant and Fuller states that Emanuel was a member of the Missouri Synod. Both Emanuel and Pastor Saupert's Trinity congregation met together to discuss the founding of a new Missouri Synod congregation in the eastern suburbs of Evansville. It was decided to release members from both congregations to start our St. Paul's Lutheran congregation under Pastor Bachmann's leadership.

Pastor Bachmann served St. Paul's for two years when the congregation decided that they needed both a full time pastor and a school at their location. They called Pastor Heinicke in 1889. Pastor Bachmann stayed at Emanuel until 1895, when he moved to Cleveland, Ohio.

Pastor Bachmann had nine children and two of them married in Evansville. Emma Bachmann married Pastor Theodore Saupert [son of Trinity's Pastor J.A.A. Saupert] in 1891 and Luella Bachmann married Charles Manninger in 1895. The rest of the family moved to Ohio with their parents in 1895.

Many of the records for Emanuel Lutheran Church can be found in Church Records of Vanderburgh County, Indiana edited by Michael L. Cook. These records start in 1863, and have been translated into English. The original German records can be read on microfilm at Willard Library. Willard Library also has the records for Trinity Lutheran Church on microfilm.

"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." ~Matthew 18:3-4

As adults, it becomes easy to question our faith as we are influenced by the sinful world around us. As we grow in our knowledge, the complexities seem to overwhelm us. We realize just how much of the Bible we cannot understand and therefore have to take it on faith. This is not always easy. Not for us anyway. But for a child those complexities do not yet exist. That worldly knowledge does not yet interfere. Their faith is unchallenged, innocent and simple. In a world filled with problems, temptations, and stressful burdens, I encourage you to remember to have faith like a child.

"God has forty one hundred hands so he can hold everyone." ~Ashley, age 4

"You should always say your prayers because God made the food." ~Shelby, age 3

"God made all of us in different skin and He wants us to be nice to everybody and if we don't he'll be sad." ~Jake, age 5

"God wants me to be good until I'm older. Then when I'm older I should be good too. But now I'm still three." ~Kendall, age 3

"God loves us to be nice to our brothers." ~Megan, age 4

"We need to love each other and if we don't love each other God will be sad." ~Katelyn, age 4

"God had His birthday but I don't know what kind of cake He had." ~Nic, age 5

"God is special and if you don't like Him, you won't go to heaven." ~Sara, age 5

"God is nice and I really, really like Him because he made us and when we die we go to heaven and He takes care of us." ~Jevin, age 5

"He takes care of us. He's everywhere and up in heaven. He makes us food. He takes care of us like mommy and daddy do. He's all around us. We talk to Him at church and we pray to Him. We talk about God at church. He makes everybody alive." Jake, age 5

"Bad people put Jesus on the cross. Then He rose up from the dead again. Awesome!" ~Sara, age 5

Very awesome. If you struggle in your faith or worry about what to say when you evangelize to others, remember the simple truth as beautifully stated by children: "God loves us! He died for us and He rose again. Awesome!"

~Wendy Morgan, Board of Evangelism

From Music Director Tim Horst...

It has been over six months since we adopted Lutheran Service Book as our hymnal here at St. Paul's and I feel that it is an attractive, user-friendly hymnal that contains a wealth of wonderful hymns both old and new. While there are over 100 hymns that are new to a LCMS hymnal inside the pages there are some other features of the hymnal that you may not be aware of. Some of these are not related to hymns and you don't need to be able to sing or read music to use them.

One of the nice features of the hymnal is the prayers listed inside on the first page. Praying these are an excellent way to come before our Triune God and to ask Him to open our hearts to the Word we encounter during our worship services. Others are there to prepare yourself for receiving communion, and also to thank God for the gifts we have received during worship. Praying these prayers are a good way to focus on what is happening or about to happen in worship. Another feature that you may find useful is a glossary in the front that lists definitions for words you may hear or see in worship such as Kyrie (Greek for "O Lord") or Agnus Dei (Latin for "Lamb of God".)

While the hymnal is primarily designed for use on Sunday mornings (or Monday nights) it can also be used in the home. There are four brief services (beginning on page 294) that can be used as daily devotions for morning, noon, early evening, or the close of the day. These can be used by whole families or individually and have suggested Bible readings as well as prayers. Another resource inside the hymnal is Luther's Small Catechism. This is an extremely valuable explanation and summary of our beliefs and another section of the hymnal that can be used for family devotions.

There is also a daily lectionary (reading plan) beginning on page 299 of the hymnal. It is a guide that can help you to read most of the New Testament and much of the Old Testament in a one-year period. After this there are 14 pages of prayers for many and various topics and situations you may come across in your life including, for example, opening a church meeting as well as many, many more.

Our hymnals are much more than a collection of hymns. They have many features that can be used not only at church but also in your home. I would encourage you to look through the hymnal and see all that it has to offer. If you are interested in purchasing a hymnal for your own personal use please call Sylvia in the church office and she will be happy to give you information on ordering a copy.

On a personal note, I will be out of town for most of the month of June, as I will be starting graduate school at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin. I am looking forward to studying for a Master's degree in church music. I will be taking classes and organ lessons for four weeks this summer and also the following two summers. I am very thankful to the church for giving me the opportunity to take some time away to continue my education and to further develop my skills as a church musician.

Peace in Christ,

Tim

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008 GRADUATES

(These are names of graduates that were turned into the church office.)



Kara Carlile - Murray State; Michael Foster - Ivy Tech; Mark Pfender, Vincennes University;
Patrick Niles - Concordia Seminary St. Louis; Daniel Robertson -Indiana University School of Law;
Stephanie (Dimmett) Winters - Oakland City University; Adam Case - Purdue University;
Adam Diekmann - Indiana University; Rachel Thomas -North Posey; Caleb Spicer - Central; KaSandra Shirley - North;
Melissa Winternheimer - Reitz; Jakes Groves - Bosse; Kate Watson - Reitz Memorial;
Jeremy David - Perry Heights; Lindsey Albin, Carrie Daugherty; David Feigel; Ella Ferguson; Quentin Loeffler;
Logan Powell; Jesse Ramsey; Jonathon Rusche, Lucas Wilhite -Evansville Lutheran School

Applying Biblical Teachings

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5).

If one were to look for an example of a person who lived a life of contentment, one need look no farther than the Apostle Paul. Whether he served the Lord as a laborer, a preacher, or a writer, he was content. Whether food was plentiful or scarce, he was content. Whether he lived in a fine house or was confined in prison, he was content. Whether he faced the dangers of the road, the perils of the sea, or the hatred of his enemies, he was content.

Matthew Henry wrote, "Haman was the great court-favorite, and yet not contented; Ahab on the throne, and yet not contented; Adam in paradise, and yet not contented; yea, the angels in heaven, and yet not contented; but Paul, though abased and empty, had learned in every state, in any state, therewith to be contented."

Paul understood what Jesus meant when He said, "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name . . . Give us today our daily bread. . .'" (Matt. 6:9, 11) and when He said, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matt. 6:34).

By the power of the Word and the work of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul had personal knowledge of God's divine grace. He had genuine confidence in the grace of God. He knew that after all that God had done for him, through Jesus Christ, he would never be left or forsaken. He trusted that God would be with him every day, providing what he needed that day for his ministry. The Apostle had complete trust in God and was content.

Often we find it difficult to be content. We find ourselves uncomfortable and insecure as we look to the future. We are tempted to look to our money and wealth as the source of our security. We are tempted to put our trust in what we have accumulated. We are tempted to love and trust our money.

We must never forget that " . . . God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5). After all that God has done for us, through Jesus Christ, He will daily provide all that is necessary to sustain this life, to do the good works we were meant to do and to carry out His work of salvation. With that, we are content.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION 8 a.m. S.S./Bible Cl. 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 Rm 1 in us Noon	2 COMMUNION 6 p.m. Adult Class 7:15	3 Food Pantry Open Staff Mtg. 10 a.m. WSPD 6 p.m. All Boards 7 p.m.	4 Quilters	5 Deacons Mtg. 6 p.m. TNC 6 p.m.	6	7 Men's Bible Study 8 a.m. VBS Set Up
8 WORSHIP 8 a.m. S.S./Bible Cl. 9:15 COMMUNION 10:30 VBS Dinner - Noon	9 WORSHIP 6 p.m. Adult Class 7:15 Vacation Bible School	10 Staff Mtg. 10 a.m. Cemetery Bd. 3 p.m. Vacation Bible School	11 Quilters Vacation Bible School	12 Ladies Guild 12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	13	14
15 COMMUNION 8 a.m. S.S./Bible Cl. 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 LYF 6 p.m.	16 COMMUNION 6 p.m. Adult Class 7:15	17 Food Pantry Open Staff Mtg. 10 a.m. Jacobsville 5:30	18 Quilters	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 ELS Work Day
22 WORSHIP 8 a.m. S.S./Bible Cl. 9:15 COMMUNION 10:30	23 WORSHIP 6 p.m. Adult Class 7:15	24 Staff Mtg. 10 a.m. ELFSC 5:30 p.m. Church Council 6:30 (June, July Mtg.)	25 Quilters Rm. 1 in use 5:00 p.m.	26 Encouragers - Noon	27	28 Rms 1-2 in use 12-4 Gym in use Noon
29 COMMUNION 8 a.m. S.S./Bible Cl. 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. Patrick Niles Ordination 2:30 p.m.	30 WORSHIP 6 p.m. Adult Class 7:15					