

# *St. Paul News*

## *September 2024*

### **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

*The Lutheran Church -  
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#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to promote the worship of the Triune God as revealed in Holy Scriptures, by teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and administering the Sacraments, in order to equip people for Christian life and service.

### **Pastor's Message**

It's back to school time! Getting back into the routine of things often means resuming chores. During the summer, the schedule often allowed for freedom from some of those chores, but now more than ever it is crucial that everybody in the family does their part for the days to run smoothly. That's being a family: loving and serving one another. It's our duty, even if it means doing the dishes or cleaning a bathroom.

The same is true for children of our heavenly Father. In His family, we love and serve one another. In the Catechism, Luther gave God's list of chores, which he called the Table of Duties. They remind us that our primary should not be, "What's my family supposed to do for me?" but rather, "What does God command me to do for my family?"

There are things for everyone: for husbands, God gives the duty of loving and caring for our wives; for wives, God gives the duty of loving and respecting their husbands; for children, God gives the duty of honor and obeying their parents; and for parents, God gives the duty to be gentle with their children and teach them God's Word to save their souls.

Luther explains this last one further: "People seek only heirs in their children, or pleasure in them; the serving of God finds what place it can. ...False natural love blinds parents so that they have more regard for the bodies of their children than they have for their souls. ...Therefore, it is of greatest importance for every married man to pay closer, more thorough, and continuous attention to the health of the child's soul than to the body which he has begotten, and to regard his child as nothing else but an eternal treasure God has commanded him to protect, and so prevent the world, the flesh, and the devil from stealing the child away and bringing him to destruction."

This is important to have in our minds as school resumes. Schedules will be full of class time, sports practices and games, and other extra-curricular activities. But are you making time for Sunday Service? For learning the Scriptures? And most especially it is important now more than ever since it is a change in schedule after summer break where most people spend time away from God and away from the church to serve their passions of rest and leisure.

The strength to serve our earthly family is found in our heavenly family. God our Father loves and cares for us. Jesus, our Brother and the husband of the Church, covers us with His grace. And the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, works through the Word of God to give us faith. Our God promises to be with us as we fulfill the duties He gives to us.

+God's Peace+  
Pastor Jonathan Varns

# ITEMS OF INTEREST

## Voters' Meeting

The next Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15th following the service. All confirmed members who are 18 years of age and older are invited to this meeting and to share in the decision making of the congregation. Following the meeting there will be a potluck dinner. Hotdogs & barbeques will be provided, we are just asking for salads, and desserts.

Potluck Dinner  
Sunday  
September 15th



## LWML Happenings

Thanks to all who furnished food and/or helped at the Summertime Pie Social that was held on Wednesday, July 17th. It was a great get-together with family and friends that shared the time with good food and conversation. We served 128 meals and the net proceeds were \$1,814.36.

Mites can do mitey things! The "Noisy Offerings" were \$52.99 in July and \$42.94 for August. Thanks for your continued support of LWML missions! There are also mite boxes available for adults and children to use at home. You can find them on the bulletin table

On September 22nd we celebrate our 125th church anniversary. There will be memorabilia displayed of things we've done over the years. We hope you check out the variety of items that will be displayed in one of the Sunday School rooms.

On Sunday October 6th, we celebrate LWML Sunday. The national board has changed our name to Lutheran Women In Mission. So if you're reading this new name, it's still the same organization with just a more updated name. The women will be helping with part of the church service and presenting Bibles to the 4th and 5th graders. We invite you to a potluck noon meal after church. In the afternoon, we host the Fall Joy Shop. Avis's cousin, Rev Fred Hinz, is our speaker. He plans to be here to enjoy a noon meal with us. So bring a dish to pass and enjoy listening to Rev. Fred Hinz. He will be our speaker at the 2 pm program with the entire Zone attending at our parish Hall. See page 6 for more info.

Monday, October 21st will be our quarterly meeting at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. We welcome all women of our congregation to attend!

**Our 125th Anniversary Celebration on September 22nd starts with a special service at 10 am with Rev. Brady Finern, president of the MN North District, as the guest speaker. See the back page for more information.**

## September Birthdays

- Sept 1 Andrea Berends,  
Emma Donner,  
Doug Ramirez
- Sept 2 David Guertin
- Sept 3 Aaron Lubrant
- Sept 5 Emily Matasovsky
- Sept 6 Larry Donner,  
Brent Hegna
- Sept 7 Mary Hammer
- Sept 8 Rosemary Hempel,  
Diane Hinz
- Sept 9 Cherish Hammer
- Sept 11 Ashley Johnson
- Sept 12 Laura Zimmer
- Sept 14 Angela Hammer-Grimes
- Sept 15 Mariah Skjette
- Sept 16 Sara Canatsey,  
Eric Van Sickle
- Sept 17 James Wegner
- Sept 18 Anthony Berends,
- Sept 19 Avis Freitag, Eric Hildahl
- Sept 20 Dennis Gabbert,  
Laura Ramirez,  
Bentley Sherwood,  
Cameron Zens
- Sept 21 Karley Duenwald
- Sept 24 Nolan Hildahl,  
Michael Luepke
- Sept 26 Holly Cobb, Alesha Hjelle,  
Raymond Reinke
- Sept 27 Willow Myers
- Sept 28 Dorothy Nokleby,  
Rob Stengel
- Sept 29 Emily Ebel
- Sept 30 Sophie Van Sickle

Birthday Blessings to you all.

Please contact the church office if we missed yours.







## Quilters

Quilters will be starting Tuesday, September 10th at 8:30 am and women and men are welcome to join. If you can tie a knot you, you can help. They are always looking for more fabric and sheet. The city wide garage sales are a good place to check.

## Choirs

The new season for the choirs will begin September 4th. Handbell Choir at 6 pm followed by the Mixed Choir at 7 pm. All high school students and adult are encouraged and welcome to join the Handbell and Mixed Choirs. Any questions please see Phyllis Schultz.

## Bible Classes

Monday morning men's Bible Study at 8 am in the parish hall is going again. Sunday morning Bible Study will resume on September 8th at 8:30 am. Women's Thursday morning Bible Study at Granite Ridge at 9:30 am and Bible Study at 6:30 pm will resume on September 12th. Midweek and Confirmation classes start up again on September 11th. Please contact pastor if you wish to have a child attend or if you have any questions.

**SAC Groups** are our greeters and ushers.

If this is your month to serve, please prayerfully consider where you are able to and willing to help.

### Group 1

#### Serving for September

Anderson, Rachel	Hildahl, Eric and Teresa
Berends, Anthony	Janiszkeski, Jackie
Berends, Chris	Johnson, Matthew
Buchholz, Merlin and Sylvia	Luepke, Travis and Jenn
Christensen, Brad and Maria	Markgraf, Kevin
Christensen, Rachel	Matasovsky, Chris and Emily
Doose, Chad	Odegard, Kody
Doose, Greg and Susan	Phinney, Katie
Doose, Mike and Kristi	Putnam, Charlie
Erickson, Wes and Sue	Rode, Judy
Gabbert, Dennis	Ryer, Lisa
Gatchell, Dorian and Melanie	Ryer, Shannon
Guertin, Dave and Nancy	Schulte, Richard and Kelly
Hammer, Nancy	Staab, Tyler and Tara
Hammer, Tracy	Steffen, Don
Hempel, Tim and Jody	Stengel, Gene and Pam
	Stengel, Rob
	Syring, Melodee

## Perennial Plants

Would you like to have some more perennial plants for your gardens? If so, please contact Phyllis Schultz at 320-564-9239 or 320-905-0810. There are iris, daylilies, rudbeckia, cone flowers, daisies, phlox, lilies, liatris, sedum, mums, astilbe, heuchera (coral bells), hostas. Now through mid September is a great time to transplant flowers.

## Thank You

We have reached the goal. The painting and waxing project goal was \$11,230 and we raised \$11,525. Thank you to everyone who made a donation for this project.

## Vital Statistics

### Attendance and Offering Report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun, Jul 7	56	\$3,672.00
Sun, Jul 14	68	\$1,070.00
Sun, Jul 21	43	\$3,911.50
Sun, Jul 28	54	\$1,961.01
Sun, Aug 7	58	\$3,007.25
Sun, Aug 11	66	\$1,661.00
Sun, Aug 18	43	\$4,609.20
Sun, Aug 25	60	\$3,670.00

(2024 Budget Income needed each Sunday - \$3,882.00)

### Financials as of 8-27-2024

Year to Date Actual Contributions	\$103,904.97
Year to Date Contributions Needed	<u>\$120,803.28</u>
Difference	(\$16,898.31)
Year to Date Actual Expenses	\$117,945.62
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$120,803.28</u>
Difference	\$2,857.66

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
 at St. Paul Lutheran Church  
 will have the  
**The Garms Family**  
 at 3 pm on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 and enjoy an ice cream treat following the concert.

The Garms Family is a group of eight siblings who sing and play instruments for God's glory. They have been traveling and performing since 2008, sharing their music, stories, and faith with audiences across America.

### Daily Bible Readings for September

Sept 1	2 Chronicles 6	Malachi 2:17-3:18	John 9:1-23
Sept 2	2 Chronicles 7	Malachi 4	John 9:24-41
Sept 3	2 Chronicles 8	Psalms 73	John 10:1-21
Sept 4	2 Chronicles 9	Psalms 74	John 10:22-42
Sept 5	2 Chronicles 10-11	Psalms 75	John 11:1-27
Sept 6	2 Chronicles 12-13	Psalms 76	John 11:28-57
Sept 7	2 Chronicles 14-15	Psalms 77	John 12:1-26
Sept 8	2 Chronicles 16-17	Psalms 78:1-20	John 12:27-50
Sept 9	2 Chronicles 18	Psalms 78:21-37	John 13:1-20
Sept 10	2 Chronicles 19	Psalms 78:38-55	John 13:21-38
Sept 11	2 Chron. 20:1-21:1	Psalms 78:56-72	John 14:1-14
Sept 12	2 Chron. 21:2-22:12	Psalms 79	John 14:15-31
Sept 13	2 Chronicles 23	Psalms 80	John 15:1-16:4a
Sept 14	2 Chronicles 24	Psalms 81	John 16:4b-33
Sept 15	2 Chronicles 25	Psalms 82	John 17
Sept 16	2 Chronicles 26	Psalms 83	John 18:1-18
Sept 17	2 Chron. 27-28	Psalms 84	John 18:19-38a
Sept 18	2 Chronicles 29	Psalms 85	John 18:38b-19:16
Sept 19	2 Chronicles 30	Psalms 86	John 19:17-42
Sept 20	2 Chronicles 31	Psalms 87	John 20:1-18
Sept 21	2 Chronicles 32	Psalms 88	John 20:19-31
Sept 22	2 Chronicles 33	Psalms 89:1-18	John 21
Sept 23	2 Chronicles 34	Psalms 89:19-37	1 John 1
Sept 24	2 Chronicles 35	Psalms 89:38-52	1 John 2
Sept 25	2 Chronicles 36	Psalms 90	1 John 3
Sept 26	Ezra 1-2	Psalms 91	1 John 4
Sept 27	Ezra 3-4	Psalms 92	1 John 5
Sept 28	Ezra 5-6	Psalms 93	2 John
Sept 29	Ezra 7-8	Psalms 94	3 John
Sept 30	Ezra 9-10	Psalms 95	Jude



### Shoeboxes

Reminder to all. We will be again working on Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project this fall. Please start to collect items with a quality "wow" item that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Gift suggestions for fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to fill the shoebox are available in the narthex.



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# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## Quarterly Voter's Meeting Minutes

### June 23, 2024

(Covers period from March 17th to present.)

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman DuWayne Galow. 24 members in attendance.
2. Opening prayer led by Pastor Varns.
3. Minutes from March's meeting were reviewed . No additions or corrections were noted. Motion to approve by Jim Wegner, 2nd Phyllis Schultz. Motion carried
4. Financial Report from May and March - May Designated Projects:
  - 125th Anniversary: Thrivent Choice Designation; Jim Klassen Memorial Designation; Easter breakfast.
  - Accessible Improvements: monies incoming, Designated Donation; Dorothy Schrupp Memorial.
  - Altar Guild: Outgoing, flowers for altar.
  - Missions: monies used for Together in Mission (Jastrams support).
  - SAC: Incoming freewill donation at breakfast. Outgoing: 1/4/24 107.81 used for supply restock; Mar 4th, 326.31. Bible study & fellowship food.
  - Quilters: incoming, Thrivent Choice designation.
  - Water cooler, donation for water cooler supplies.
  - Thrivent Choice donation: incoming \$2,194; outgoing, \$400.50 to Jastrams & \$53.50 designated Thriven Choice dollars to the cemetery fund.

Discussion held. Gene Stengel made a motion to accept, 2nd Dennis Smith. Motion carried

#### 5. Pastoral Report

- Regular activities - Sunday morning worship, recorded, edited, uploaded. Sunday morning Bible study, Monday morning men's Bible study, and home bound visitations. Pastor reports a pause of the Granite Ridge Bible study due to baby Matthew's arrival last Wednesday. It will resume in August or September. Sunday morning Bible study will pause also, resuming in August as well as Men's Bible study. Pastor will be studying and doing preparation at home during these weeks.

#### 6. Membership Report

- Affirmation of Faith – Nick Lindstrom – April 4, 2024  
Jackie Janiszeski – June 16, 2024  
Kody Odegard – June 16, 2024
- Confirmed: Carley Redepenning on April 28, 2024  
Taylor Hinz on June 2, 2024 (St Luke's)
- Death: Bradley Uttermark died May 8, 2024, in Wellington, TX
- Released – Billy Dandurand  
Amber Dandurand and daughter McKenna Smith  
Dustin and Krystle Enninga and children Kresley and Colston  
Andrea Anderson and children Bentley, Mason, and Cora Ann to Zion Lutheran, Appleton, MN (ELCA)

#### Board and Committee Reports

##### 7.1 Board of Elders

- Larry Cuklanz reports they are going through The Book of Concord at the Elder's meetings and other information Pastor feels they should know.

##### 7.2 Board of Trustees

- Kerry Steffen, yardman, spoke saying in 2022 we started the courtyard upgrades. Thanks were given by Kerry to several encouraging him when we needed \$14,000 to come in and we started with only \$3,000. Support by several ladies for bringing him donuts & coffee, to encouragements, to bottled water to him while working.
- A large pine tree was removed, and Kerry added leaf guards, which he donated. Thank you from the congregation to Kerry!
- Tom Edman reported that washing windows has begun and Kerry did the Parish Hall and south side of the Sunday school rooms.
- ♦ The exterior front stone area will need cleaning up. Trim appeared to be leaching down to stain the front. Discussion on doing this ourselves or hiring it done. Also, our vinyl floors need redoing as they were done a couple years ago. Discussion on getting floors stripped down and new wax applied by professionals. Estimate for floors in the parish hall and classrooms and kitchen was \$3,000 for 3-4 applications: another

er company charges \$4300 for up to 7 layers. After much discussion on the priority of projects, it was decided to complete the crosses, graphics, bell tower and flooring before the 125th Anniversary September 22nd. Motion by Mike Brown to continue with the painting of the exterior projects with Zempels at \$6,230 and flooring of approximately \$5,000. 2nd by Phyllis Schultz. Motion carried Fundraising will continue with congregational help and requests for donations.

- ◆ Blinds in the Sunday School rooms will also be done as they have fallen apart.

### 7.3 Special committees

- ◆ The 125th Anniversary invitations are in your mailboxes, please RSVP by July 31<sup>st</sup> and the Rock will be catering the meal.
- ◆ Tammy Edman is making a cookbook for this event and June 30th is the deadline for recipes.

Motion to approve Board and Committee Reports by Gene Stengel, 2nd by LuAnn Olson. Motion carried.

### 8. Old Business

- None

### 9. New Business

- ◆ Guidelines for weddings and funerals in our 2024 Directory states there is a janitor fee charge for members and non-members. As we are now operating with volunteers to clean the church, this wording will now change to a "usage fee." Motion by Gene Stengel to approve the new wording from janitor fee to usage fee, 2nd by Mary Hammer. Motion carried.

### 10. Announcements

- Board of Elders and Council meetings are July 9.
- Summertime Pie Social is July 17.

Motion to adjourn by Gene Stengel, 2nd by Larry Cuklanz. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Hammer

(Unapproved by the Voter's - ok'd to publish by Church Council)

Men and Women are invited to the Lutheran Women in Mission

## Fall Joy Shop

at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1050 10th Ave, Granite Falls, MN

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Registration begins at 1:30 pm

Registration fee \$3

Program at 2 pm

**Theme Verse:** But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. *Jeremiah 29:7*

### Theme: Our Life in Exile

Coming to understand and accept that, as Christians, we are now spiritual and cultural exiles in our own land...and the kind of joy-filled life we now are called on to live.


### Speaker: Pastor Fred Hinz

Pastor Hinz serves as Public Policy Advocate for both Minnesota North and South Districts of the LCMS. As such, he represents the LCMS in matters pertaining to life issues (abortion and doctor-assisted suicide), issues related to marriage, family, and sexuality, and issues related to religious freedom, including parental choice in education.

(There will not be an ingathering.)



# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Communion Service	2 	3 St. Paul	4 6 pm Handbell Practice 7 pm Mixed Choir Practice	5 4 "Dinner at Your Door"	6	7
8 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Communion Service	9 8 am Men's Bible Study	10 8:30 am Quilters 6 pm Board of Elders 7 pm Church Council	11 6 pm Handbell Practice 5 pm 4-6 gr Midweek Class 7 pm 7-8 gr Conf 7 pm Mixed Choir Practice	12 9:30 am Women's Bible Study at Granite Ridge 6:30 pm Bible Study	13	14
15 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Communion Service	16 8 am Men's Bible Study	17 8:30 am Quilters	18 5 pm 4-6 gr Midweek Class 6 pm Handbell Practice 7 pm 7-8 gr Conf Class 7 pm Mixed Choir Practice	19 9:30 am Women's Bible Study at Granite Ridge 6:30 pm Bible Study	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21
22 10 am 125th Anniversary Worship Service 11:30 am Catered Dinner 3 pm The Garms Family Concert	23 8 am Men's Bible Study	24 8:30 am Quilters	25 5 pm 4-6 gr Midweek Class 6 pm Handbell Practice 7 pm 7-8 gr Conf Class 7 pm Mixed Choir Practice	26 9:30 am Women's Bible Study at Granite Ridge 6:30 pm Bible Study	27	28
29 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Communion Service	30 8 am Men's Bible Study St. Paul Lutheran Church delivers "Dinner at Your Door"	31 8:30 am Quilters		Elder Larry Cuklanz	Altar Guild Jayne Baumann and Eileen Wegner	

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

1899 - 2024

## Celebrating 125 Years!

### Sunday, September 22, 2024



10 a.m. Worship Service

Group Photo following the Service

11:30 a.m. Catered Dinner (RSVP Needed)

Visiting & Time to look at Memorabilia

3 p.m. The Garms Family Concert

and enjoy an ice cream treat following the concert