



St. Paul News

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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

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." – Hebrews 13:8

Every season of the year has its own character, but autumn is often the most reflective. The air grows cooler, the crops ripen for harvest, the trees burst into color, and then the leaves drift down, leaving branches bare. Autumn is beautiful, but it is also bittersweet. It reminds us that nothing in this world stays the same.

We know this truth from experience. Families change. Children grow up and move away. Parents and grandparents age. Friends and loved ones pass from this life. Even our own bodies remind us that time is moving on—aches and pains increase, energy decreases, and we realize that we are not what we once were. The world around us shifts constantly.

And yet, in the middle of all this change, God gives us this comforting promise: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) Everything else may change, but He does not. His mercy never runs out. His forgiveness is never outdated. His Word never expires. His love does not grow weary. The sacrifice He made once for all on the cross remains just as powerful and effective today as on the day He gave up His life. His empty tomb is still empty. His victory is still certain.

Think about how important this is for your daily life. Yesterday may have been filled with sins—words you regret, thoughts you wish you could erase, actions you know were wrong. Today, Christ's blood still covers them. Tomorrow, when new struggles come, His grace will still be there to meet them. The promise He spoke to you at your Baptism—that you are His own, washed and redeemed—is just as true today as the moment the water was poured. The body and blood He places on your lips in the Lord's Supper are still the same pledge and seal of eternal life with Him.

In autumn, farmers gather the harvest, and families often gather to give thanks. But autumn also whispers of endings. The leaves fall. The daylight shortens. The cold approaches. It is as though creation itself preaches a sermon: this world is not permanent. Its beauty is fleeting. Its strength fades. Even the greatest earthly joys do not last. God uses the seasons to remind us that we cannot hold on to this world forever.

But the Gospel tells us something even more important: Christ holds on to us. He does not let us go. He remains constant when everything else changes. And autumn, for all its reminders of endings, also points us to a greater hope—the harvest of the Last Day. Just as the fields are gathered in, so Christ will gather in His people. He will raise our bodies, renew creation, and bring us to a home where there will be no more loss, no more tears, and no more death. In that new creation, there will be a spring that never ends and a joy that never fades.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Upcoming Dates

At the September 21st Quarterly Voters' Meeting it was decided to have the Congregational Christmas Party Sunday, December 7th with a Potluck Dinner following the service. Then the December's Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be Sunday, December 14th during coffee time. The Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 26th starting at 5 pm with Pastor Tilney leading the worship. It was also decided to cancel the Midweek Advent Services and the time for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services are pending. Please watch the weekly bulletins for updates.

LWML News

Mites can do mitey things! The "Noisy Offering" and mite box from September was \$35.37. Thanks for finding your loose change to fill the cans. These offerings go to support LWML missions!

Sunday, October 5th is LWML Sunday. At the 10 am coffee the LWML will be providing coffee and donuts for our congregation and guests. They will also be presenting Bibles to Emma Donner and Wesley Peterson after the service. This year's theme begins a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement—As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. This year we will focus on Proclaiming Christ.

The LWML Lakeland 11 Regional Rally is scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 2025. It will be held at the meeting room at the Montevideo Veterans' Home. The Theme is: "I am the Vine, you are the branches," John 15:5. Registration is \$10 and that includes a catered lunch. Registration begins at 1:30 and the Rally at 2 pm. The Ingathering will be supplies for the VA Home in Montevideo. The speaker is Mary Scott who is a Parish Nurse and she will be addressing the topic of Life Directives. Mary's said the following: "What is a living will/advanced directive? Why do I need one? I will explore what people think these are and if everyone has one. I will talk about what types of directives are available and where to find them. Is it a once and done, or do I need to constantly change." We will carpool from church so please be at the church parking lot by 1 pm. Check out the poster on our bulletin board for more details.

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October Birthdays

Oct 1	Crystal Cunningham, Amber Twedt, Mason Williamson
Oct 3	Amy Redepenning
Oct 4	Jonathan Anderson Mike Doose
Oct 6	Eric Freitag, Delaney Myer,
Oct 7	Sandra Dudonis, Dallas Kerkela, LeRoy Kvam, Valerie Skjefte
Oct 8	Nancy Hammer
Oct 9	David Yeager
Oct 10	Kaddisyn Luepke
Oct 11	John Korthuis
Oct 12	Paul Hinz
Oct 13	Wes Just, Michael Tesch
Oct 14	Marie Holtan
Oct 16	Melanie Gatchell Colt McCreecy
Oct 17	Don Gabbert, Kayla Trotter
Oct 18	Teresa Hildahl, Ken Podratz
Oct 19	Karen Galow
Oct 21	Jaden Berends, Nick Johnson,
Oct 22	James Luepke
Oct 23	Kathy Enninga
Oct 26	Mazie Jeseritz Allison Kahler
Oct 27	Greg Meyer
Oct 31	Keith Brouwer, Kelly Rikke

Birthday Blessings to you all.

Please contact the church office if we missed yours.

Portals of Prayer for
October - December
are available in the narthex.

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Picture it this way: a little child walks through a crowded place, nervous about getting lost. The child doesn't keep himself safe by holding tightly enough to his father's hand—his safety comes from the strong grip of the father holding on to him. That's how it is with Christ. We may feel our grip slipping as life changes and burdens weigh on us, but His hand never lets go. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And because He holds us fast, we can walk through every season with confidence and peace.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. As the seasons of this world change and our lives are filled with joys and sorrows, growth and loss, keep us anchored in Your un-changing promises. When we are shaken by life's changes, comfort us with the certainty of Your forgiveness and the hope of the resurrection. Strengthen us to walk by faith, confident that You are holding us fast, until You gather us into the eternal harvest of heaven, where Your love will never fade and our joy will never end. Amen.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor David Tilney

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Remember these dates:

- Monday, October 20th is our quarterly meeting at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. We welcome all women of our congregation to join us.
 - The MN North District LWML Convention will be held at the Park Event Center in Waite Park, June 22-24, 2026 with the theme of "Let His Joy Be Your Joy", from John 15:11.
 - The 42nd Biennial LWML Convention will be held at the Oklahoma City Convention Center July 8-11, 2027 in Oklahoma City, OK.
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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 back of the church. Please check the posters around church and the bulletins for the dates of the packing party and when all other filled boxes must be here.



Vital Statistics

Attendance and Offering Report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun, Sept 7	67	\$4,495.00
Sun, Sept 14	57	\$1,280.00
Sun, Sept 21	78	\$1,238.00
Sun, Sept 28	44	\$4,950.00

(2025 Budget Income
needed each Sunday - \$3,270.00)

Financials as of 9-29-2025

Year to Date Actual Contributions	\$114,487.88
Year to Date Budgeted Income	<u>\$127,519.47</u>
Difference	(\$13,031.59)
Year to Date Actual Expenses	\$87,488.93
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$127,519.47</u>
Difference	\$40,030.54

SAC Groups will be our greeters and ushers. If this is your month to serve, please prayerfully consider where you are able to and willing to help.

Group 3

Serving for October

Baker, Lisa
Cuklanz, Larry and Nancy
Duenwald, Karley
Freitag, Avis
Gabbert, Carol
Galow, DuWayne and Karen
Hegna, Rolland and RaeAnn
Hewitt, Loretta
Hildahl, Linda
Hoff, Jason and Molly
Ims, Dorothy
Iverson, Pam
Johnson, Jennifer
Just, Wes and Norma
Kelly, Mary
Kvam, Curtis
Olson, LuAnn
Peterson, LeRoy and Jan
Quintal, Teresa
Reinke, Darlene
Rigge, Anita
Rush, Barb
Schmidt, Douglas Jr. and Darla
Steffen, Boyd
Streich, Eugene
Streich, Linda
Trotter, Donnie and Jodi
Ulven, Lorna
Van Sickle, Eric and Jane
Winters, Kelly

Daily Bible Readings for October

Oct 1	Nehemiah 1–2	Psalm 96	Revelation 1
Oct 2	Nehemiah 3	Psalm 97	Revelation 2
Oct 3	Nehemiah 4	Psalm 98	Revelation 3
Oct 4	Nehemiah 5:1–7:4	Psalm 99	Revelation 4
Oct 5	Nehemiah 7:5–8:12	Psalm 100	Revelation 5
Oct 6	Nehemiah 8:13–9:37	Psalm 101	Revelation 6
Oct 7	Nehemiah 9:38–10:39	Psalm 102	Revelation 7
Oct 8	Nehemiah 11	Psalm 103	Revelation 8
Oct 9	Nehemiah 12	Psalm 104:1–23	Revelation 9
Oct 10	Nehemiah 13	Psalm 104:24–35	Revelation 10
Oct 11	Esther 1	Psalm 105:1–25	Revelation 11
Oct 12	Esther 2	Psalm 105:26–45	Revelation 12
Oct 13	Esther 3–4	Psalm 106:1–23	Revelation 13
Oct 14	Esther 5:1–6:13	Psalm 106:24–48	Revelation 14
Oct 15	Esther 6:14–8:17	Psalm 107:1–22	Revelation 15
Oct 16	Esther 9–10	Psalm 107:23–43	Revelation 16
Oct 17	Isaiah 1–2	Psalm 108	Revelation 17
Oct 18	Isaiah 3–4	Psalm 109:1–19	Revelation 18
Oct 19	Isaiah 5–6	Psalm 109:20–31	Revelation 19
Oct 20	Isaiah 7–8	Psalm 110	Revelation 20
Oct 21	Isaiah 9–10	Psalm 111	Revelation 21
Oct 22	Isaiah 11–13	Psalm 112	1 Thessalonians 1
Oct 23	Isaiah 14–16	Psalm 113	1 Thess. 2:1–16
Oct 24	Isaiah 17–19	Psalm 114	1 Thess. 2:17–3:13
Oct 25	Isaiah 20–22	Psalm 115	1 Thessalonians 4
Oct 26	Isaiah 23–24	Psalm 116	1 Thessalonians 5
Oct 27	Isaiah 25–26	Psalm 117	2 Thessalonians 1
Oct 28	Isaiah 27–28	Psalm 118	2 Thessalonians 2
Oct 29	Isaiah 29–30	Psalm 119:1–32	2 Thessalonians 3
Oct 30	Isaiah 31–33	Psalm 119:33–64	1 Timothy 1
Oct 31	Isaiah 34–35	Psalm 119:65–96	1 Timothy 2



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Appreciation 
Month



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Acolytes</u> Sun 5 James Luepke Sun 12 Lucas Canatsey Sun 19 Nathan Canatsey Sun 26 Brielle Redepenning	<u>Elders</u> Brian Beyer Larry Cuklanz Dave Guertin Jim Rigge	<u>Altar Guild</u> Kathy Enninga	1 No Handbell or Choir Practice St. Paul Lutheran Church delivers "Dinner at Your Door"	2 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir 1:30 pm Bible Study	3 Your Door"	4
5 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Worship Service LWML Sunday	6 8 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Quilting	7 8 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Quilting	8 6 pm Handbell Practice 6:45 pm Mixed Choir Practice	9 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir 1:30 pm Bible Study	10 Newsletter Articles Due	11
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