



# ***St. Paul News - October 2026***

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church – LCMS**

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### **Pastor's Message**

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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.

Worship.

From an Old English word meaning "worthiness". Worship involves deep love, respect, or adoration and can be directed toward a deity, celebrities, or really anything which the mind of man can conceive. Human beings were created to worship and we'll worship anything. That's the problem, anything. But there is only one thing—God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—that is truly worthy of deep love, respect, and adoration. God who created you, God who redeemed you, and God who sanctifies you.

In our church we have organized worship (that's religion by the way, a set of teachings and practices, including worship activities) of the One True God. And it's old, very old. Much of what we do in worship began in the time of Moses. But even before Moses, in the Book of Genesis we read about Adam's third son, Seth.

And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and call his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord. -Gen. 4:25-26

Calling upon the name of the Lord is in fact, worship. In the Divine Service there is a part called the Kyrie, which means "Lord". Three times we sing, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." We call on the name of the Lord. (I bet you were singing in your mind as you read, because the Liturgy is ingrained in you from early on.)

God tells us that He is a jealous God (Ex. 20:5, 34:14; Dt. 4:24, 6:15) telling His people never to bow down to other gods or serve them. The jealousy is not like that of man, but a zeal for the preservation of His people. It is the desire to protect us from our own sinfulness. To guard us from going astray and giving our deep love, respect, and adoration to things which cannot help us, serve us, or ultimately to save us.

His jealousy, your Father's zeal, runs so deep that rather than you suffering His wrath, He gave His only begotten Son into the world and poured out His wrath upon Him, Christ Jesus. Then, He showed mercy to all the sons and daughters purchased by Christ's precious blood. And we, who are baptized into His Son, call upon His name for mercy. In His zeal, the Father has had mercy upon you, and forgives you through faith in His Son.

So, we who are His baptized children, have a deep love, respect, and adoration for our Father, His Son, and His Holy Spirit. As such we now worship Him alone, as we are created to do.

Yet sometimes without even realizing it in our lives we try to worship other things, placing them above our God by thought, word, or deed. Our spouse, children, sports, other activities, and even our pillows—preferring to sleep in on days when we could gather with our brothers and sisters in our Father's house.

For this I repent. You repent. We repent, returning to our Father's house to call upon His name for mercy, and receive His gifts. Because of His zeal, He hears you and me, setting aside His wrath. Truly, His love for us as our dear Father in heaven, is without end.

In October we may talk more about worship during Service, and in Bible Study. What we do, why we do it, so that we better understand the historic worship service. I invite you to be with me as we do so. But take this little bite for now and receive God's Peace.

See you in Church! ✠ *Pastor Sutton*



# Items of Interest

## Meeting Highlights

At the Quarterly Voters' Meeting that was held September 20th here is the schedule that was presented for upcoming services.

Thanksgiving Eve  
Wednesday, November 25th at 7 pm

Midweek Advent  
Wednesday, December 2nd, 9th, & 16th at 6 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Thursday, December 24th at 6 pm

Christmas Day  
Friday, December 25th at 9:30 am

In addition, coffee and pie that was usually served after the Thanksgiving Eve service will now be held at Sunday's coffee time on November 22nd. There will be a signup sheet for those who would like to bring pies. There also will be a signup sheet for those who are willing to serve a light supper before the Midweek Advent Services. The Congregational Christmas Potluck dinner will follow the Quarterly Voter's Meeting on December 13th.

## LWML News

The "Noisy Offering" along with the mites for September was \$24.55. These offerings will support LWML missions. Thanks to all who find pocket change to fill the cans.

The LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) is celebrated in most churches on the first Sunday in October. We will be celebrating on Sunday, October 4th here at St. Paul. The ladies will be passing out bulletins and helping as ushers for this service. We also will have a purple bouquet on the Altar. Purple and gold are the official colors of the LWML. Purple symbolizes royalty and gold symbolizes value and integrity. The vision of the LWML is to recognize that each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness. And as tradition, we also host a snack after services in the Parish Hall and all the entire congregation is invited to join us.

The 2027 dues are \$19. (This includes Quarterly magazine - \$7, National Convention Fund - \$7, and Zone - \$5.). There is a signup sheet in the narthex, and the dues are due by November 1st. You can place them in the offering plate or give to the office.

Monday, October 19th is our quarterly meeting. We will be meeting at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. At this meeting, we will decide where much of our mission dollars will be sent as a blessing to many organizations! We have done fund raisers throughout the year, and this is the time when we designate where our dollars will benefit those organizations!

On Sunday, October 25th we host the Fall Joy Shop for all the churches in our Zone. The registration begins at 4 pm and the rally starts at 4:15 pm. Our guest speaker is Kelly Wittnebel and the theme is "Finding Hope and Joy in Self Care." Everyone in the

## October Birthdays

|        |                                                       |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct 1  | Crystal Cunningham<br>Amber Twedt<br>Mason Williamson |
| Oct 3  | Amy Redepenning                                       |
| Oct 4  | Jonathan Anderson<br>Mike Doose                       |
| Oct 6  | Delaney Myers                                         |
| Oct 7  | Dallas Kerkela<br>LeRoy Kvam<br>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<br>Michael Tesch                             |
| Oct 14 | Marie Holtan                                          |
| Oct 16 | Melanie Gatchell<br>Colt McCreecy                     |
| Oct 17 | <b>Don Gabbert - 90</b><br>Kayla Trotter              |
| Oct 18 | Teresa Hildahl<br>Ken Podratz                         |
| Oct 19 | Karen Galow                                           |
| Oct 21 | Jaden Berends<br>Nick Johnson                         |
| Oct 22 | James Luepke                                          |
| Oct 23 | Kathy Enninga<br><b>Pete Gunlogson - 92</b>           |
| Oct 26 | Mazie Jeseritz<br>Allison Kahler                      |
| Oct 27 | Greg Meyer                                            |
| Oct 31 | Keith Brouwer<br>Kelly Rikke                          |

### Birthday Blessings to you all.

Please contact the church office  
if we missed yours.

community is invited to join us. We will be serving sandwiches, bars and beverages. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this event at our church. Please refer to page 4 for more information.

**New:** All Altar Guild members there is a meeting on Sunday, October 4th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

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

## **Group 4**

### **Serving for September**

Anderson, Kristen  
Banken, Janine  
Berends, Alan and Linda  
Bruss, Margie  
Canatsey, Austin  
Donner, Jenelle  
Ebel, Colton and Emily  
Edman, Tom and Tammy  
Gabbert, Don and Jeanne  
Hildahl, Dan and Valerie  
Holtan, Marie  
Hoyer, Lanny  
Jeseritz, Madison  
Jeseritz, Tanya  
Johnson, Mark  
Keller, Katie  
Kling, Verlyn and Barb  
Kvam, Carrie  
Kvam, Gordon  
Kvam, LeRoy and Debra  
Luepke, Mike and Pam  
Meyer, Greg and Jackie  
Meyer, Larry and Karla  
Reese, Tom  
Schultz, Dennis and Phyllis  
Skjefte, Dave and Val  
Skjefte, Mariah  
Steffen, Kerry and Julie  
Timm, Craig and Susan  
Timm, Daphne  
Timm, Lee  
Twedt, Charles and Kari  
Wilking, Larry  
Yeager, Dave and Darlene

### **Vital Statistics**

#### **Attendance and Offering Report for September**

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sun, Sept 6  | 48                | \$3,516.00      |
| Sun, Sept 13 | 55                | \$2,165.00      |
| Sun, Sept 20 | 65                | \$1,320.00      |
| Sun, Sept 27 | 66                | \$1,922.00      |

(2026 Budget Income needed each Sunday - \$3,336.00)

## **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        |

### **Financials as of 9-28-2026**

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Year to Date Actual          |                     |
| Contributions                | \$107,262.14        |
| Year to Date Budgeted Income | <u>\$130,094.19</u> |
| Difference                   | (\$22,832.05)       |
| Year to Date Actual Expenses | \$83,087.39         |
| Year to Date Budgeted        |                     |
| Expenses                     | <u>\$130,094.19</u> |
| Difference                   | \$47,006.80         |

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

## Thank You

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: A heartfelt Thank You from Pastor and Bonnie! What a warm welcome, Installation Service and meal! Thank you to all who participated in bringing this event to its fruition. And a special thanks to Phyllis Schultz and the Handbell and Mixed Choirs; to the Ladies who planned the meal, set up the Hall and brought desserts; and to LuAnn for pulling the bulletin together; and to all who participated by attending.

**Welcome** to our new members at St. Paul Lutheran: Donna Philip from Des Moines, IA, Bonnie Sutton and Alexander (Xan) Sutton in absentia from Irma, WI.

**Note from Pastor:** Pastor Sutton's office hours Wednesdays 9-3, or by appointment 715-966-5591 - revsutton@outlook.com.

### Pastor's Daily Devotions:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dailydevotionswithpastorsuttonopen> or  
<https://www.youtube.com/@PastorSutton>



LWML Fall Rally

## His Joy, Your Joy

John 15:11



October 25

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Granite Falls

Registration at 4:00. Rally begins at 4:15 with Bible study. Cost is \$5.

**Main speaker, Kelly Wittnebel,  
"Finding Hope and Joy in Self Care"**

Ingathering: Redemption Ranch, Wabasso, Minn. (There will be more information later and a list of items needed.)

Each society, please provide a pan of bars.  
See you with a joyful attitude.

# October 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                             | Monday                                                        | Tuesday                                                               | Wednesday                                                     | Thursday                                                                                   | Friday    | Saturday                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>4</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br>10:30 am Coffee Time<br>11 am Bible Class<br>6:30 pm Altar Guild mtg<br>LWML SUNDAY | <b>5</b><br><u>Altar Guild</u><br>Kathy Enninga<br>Mary Hamer | <b>6</b><br><u>Elders</u><br>Brian Beyer<br>Dave Guertin<br>Jim Rigge | <b>7</b><br>6 pm Handbell Practice<br>6:45 pm Choir Practice  | <b>8</b><br>7 am Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 am Blg Bridges<br>Choir<br>1:30 pm Bible Study  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                  |
| <b>11</b><br>9:30 am Communion<br>10:30 am Coffee Time<br>11 am Bible Class                                        | <b>12</b>                                                     | <b>13</b><br>8:30 am Quilters<br>6:30 pm Board of Elders              | <b>14</b><br>6 pm Handbell Practice<br>6:45 pm Choir Practice | <b>15</b><br>7 am Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 am Blg Bridges<br>Choir<br>1:30 pm Bible Study | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>Newsletter<br>Articles<br>Due |
| <b>18</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br>10:30 am Coffee Time<br>11 am Bible Class                                          | <b>19</b><br>7 pm LWML<br>Q'tly Meeting                       | <b>20</b><br>8:30 am Quilters                                         | <b>21</b><br>6 pm Handbell Practice<br>6:45 pm Choir Practice | <b>22</b><br>7 am Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 am Blg Bridges<br>Choir<br>1:30 pm Bible Study | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                                  |
| <b>25</b><br>9:30 am Communion<br>10:30 am Coffee Time<br>11 am Bible Class<br>4 pm LWML Joy Shop                  | <b>26</b>                                                     | <b>27</b><br>8:30 am Quilters                                         | <b>28</b><br>6 pm Handbell Practice<br>6:45 pm Choir Practice | <b>29</b><br>7 am Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 am Blg Bridges<br>Choir<br>1:30 pm Bible Study | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>                                  |