



St. Paul News

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St. Paul 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

So it's back to school season. There's a hustle and bustle in families with kids that is rivals only by the Christmas season. Whether or not you have the business of school in your home or now, Paul has some good admonition for us.

"So I tell you and encourage you in the Lord's Name not to live any longer like other people in the world" (Ephesians 4:17).

People should be able to tell the difference between Christians and non-Christians by the way that Christians live. However, when people are saved they don't automatically stop living as they once did and start living as who they now are. We are throughout our lives, both saint and sinner. The old self, the old Adam can only choose sin. It is only through going to church on Sundays, praying, hearing God's Word that we are transformed to being more Christ-like.

Paul's charge to Christians in the above verse is that we no longer walk as we once did, nor that we think as we once thought, but that we live and think as who we now are — children of God. So make sure that, no matter how busy you are, you take time to grow to become more Christ-like. Put Sunday Divine Service in the schedule each week. Spend 3 or more nights per week, eating together as a family, starting off the meal with prayer. Or amp it up with Bible Study or personal devotions.

You are a child of God, living your life in a spiritual world, in a spiritual war constantly against your faith. And as a child of God, we are not guided by the things we see, but rather by the things we know because of our faith.

Let me illustrate with some fictional classroom discussion:

One day a 6- year -old girl was sitting in the classroom. The teacher was going to explain evolution to the children. The teacher asked a little boy, "Tommy do you see the tree outside?" Tommy said, "Yes." The teacher continued, "Tommy, do you see the grass outside?" Again, Tommy said, "Yes." Then the teacher told Tommy, "Go outside and look up and see if you can see the sky. Tommy returned a few minutes later. "Yes, I saw the sky." Finally, the teacher asked, "Did you see God?" Tommy admitted, "No." See, that's my point", said the teacher. "We can't see God because he isn't there."

A little girl then spoke up and wanted to ask the boy some questions. The teacher agreed. The little girl then asked Tommy, "Tommy, do you see the tree outside?" Tommy said, "Yes." She continued, "Tommy, do you see the grass outside?" Tommy, getting exasperated with the questions, said, "Yessssss." Continuing, she asked, "Did you see the sky?" "Yessssss." Finally, the little girl asked, "Tommy, do you see the teacher?" Tommy, renewing his interest in the questions said, "Yes." "Do you see her brain?" Tommy shouted, "NO!" Slyly, the little girl asked, "Does that mean she doesn't have one?"

"We walk by faith, not by sight" Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:7. Walking by faith, we are encouraged to not live any longer like other people in the world, but instead, to live as children of God, seeking to be with Him, to listen to Him, and to worship and praise Him for His goodness. And we do this by prayer, devotions, Bible Studies, worship, and living the faith. Are you living as a child of God? Or are you living like other people in the world?

+God's Peace+

Pastor Jonathan Varns

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Voters' Meeting

The next Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18th 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.



**Potluck Dinner
Sunday
September 18th**

LWML News

Thanks to all who furnished food and/or helped at the Summertime Pie Social that was held on Wednesday, July 20th. All enjoyed the get-together with family and friends and shared the time with good food and conversation.

Mites can do mitey things! The "Noisy Offerings" were \$24.78 in July and \$61.66 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.

The LWML Joy Shop will be held on October 16th at St Paul, Granite Falls. The speaker will be Virginia Flo, from Lutherans for Life, and the Ingathering will be for Hope Pregnancy Center in Willmar, MN. Registration will be at 2:30 pm and the program starts at 3:00 pm.

The St. Paul LWML quarterly meeting will be Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. All ladies are invited to join us.

Quilters

Quilters will be starting September 13th at 8:30 am and you 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 out.

Newsletters

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email instead of regular mail, please give your name and email address to the church office at stpaulgf@embarqmail.com.

September Birthdays

- Sept 1 Andrea Berends,
Emma Donner,
Doug Ramirez
- Sept 2 David Guertin
- Sept 3 Aaron Lubrant
- 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 Skjefte
- Sept 16 Sara Canatsey,
Eric Van Sickle
- Sept 17 James Wegner
- Sept 18 Anthony Berends,
Carol Nelson
- Sept 19 Avis Freitag, Eric Hildahl
- Sept 20 Dennis Gabbert,
Keaunna Oaks,
Laura Ramirez,
Bentley Sherwood,
Cameron Zens
- Sept 21 Karley Duenwald
- Sept 23 Travis Kling, Troy Kling
- Sept 24 Nolan Hildahl,
Michael Luepke
- Sept 26 Holly Cobb, Alesha Hjelle,
Raymond Reinke
- Sept 27 Willow Myers
- Sept 28 Dorothy Nokleby,
Robert Stengel
- Sept 29 Emily Ebel
- Sept 30 Sophie Van Sickle

Birthday Blessings to you all.

**Please contact the church office if
we missed yours.**

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 September

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



Group 4

Serving for October

Banken, Jim and Janine
Baumann, Jayne
Bruss, Margie
Canatsey, Kristin
Donner, Jenelle
Donner, Jessica
Ebel, Colton and Emily
Edman, Tom and Tammy
Gabbert, Don and Jeanne
Hildahl, Dan and Valerie
Holtan, Marie
Hoyer, Lanny
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
Petersen, Loren and Marci
Reese, Tom
Rude, Odell and Carol
Schultz, Dennis and Phyllis
Skjefte, Dave and Val
Smith, Dennis and Lu-Ann
Steffen, Kerry and Julie
Syring, Marjorie
Timm, Craig and Susan
Timm, Daphne
Timm, Lee
Twedt, Charles and Kari
Wilking, Larry
Yeager, Dave and Darlene

Shoe Boxes

Reminder to all. We will be again working on Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project this fall. Please start to collect items and back to school sales are wonderful for getting inexpensive supplies for kids that need them! If you'd like to help with the OCC project, please contact Molly Hoff.

LLL Convention

The 79th Minnesota North District LLL/LHM & OGT Annual Conference will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1000 14th Street South, Moorhead, MN, 56560-3798 on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Our guest speaker will be Minnesota North District LCMS President Rev. Brady Finern. All are welcome! Registration with coffee is from 9:30 - 10:00 AM. Registration fee is \$10.00. Please RSVP to Deborah Anderson at debiatdouglas@hotmail.com or call her at 320-283-5737 to help us plan for the noon meal.

College Addresses

Attention College Students and Parents: Please remember to notify the church office of all college addresses as soon as possible. We like to be able to keep in touch with our college students, and our District office also requests the college addresses of our students.

Help wanted: Part time janitorial services needed as our janitor has quit. Anyone interested please see one of the trustees or leave your name with the church office.

Looking for Singers and Ringers

The new season for the choirs will begin in September. All high school students and adult are encouraged and welcome to join the Handbell and Mixed Choirs. Rehearsals begin on the following dates:

- Handbell Choir - Wednesday, September 14th, 6:00 pm
- Mixed Choir - Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm

Join us and use your gift of music to praise our God!

Financials as of 8-28-2022

Year to Date Actual Contributions	\$88,364.61
Year to Date Contributions Needed	<u>\$115,482.08</u>
Difference	(\$27,117.47)
Year to Date Actual Expenses	\$113,238.59
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$115,482.08</u>
Difference	\$2,243.49

Daily Bible Readings for September

Day	Morning Study	Evening Study
1	Psalms 148-150	I Cor. 11:16-34
2	Prov. 1,2	I Cor. 12
3	Prov. 3,4	I Cor. 13
4	Prov. 5,6	I Cor. 14:1-20
5	Prov. 7,8	I Cor. 14:21-40
6	Prov. 9,10	I Cor. 15:1-32
7	Prov. 11,12	I Cor. 15:33-58
8	Prov. 13,14	I Cor. 16
9	Prov. 15,16	II Cor. 1
10	Prov. 17,18	II Cor. 2
11	Prov. 19,20	II Cor. 3
12	Prov. 21,22	II Cor. 4
13	Prov. 23,24	II Cor. 5
14	Prov. 25-27	II Cor. 6
15	Prov. 28,29	II Cor. 7
16	Prov. 30,31	II Cor. 8
17	Eccles. 1-3	II Cor. 9
18	Eccles. 4-6	II Cor. 10
19	Eccles. 7-9	II Cor. 11:1-15
20	Eccles. 10-12	II Cor. 11:16-33
21	Sol. 1-3	II Cor. 12
22	Sol. 4,5	II Cor. 13
23	Sol. 6-8	Gal. 1
24	Isaiah 1-3	Gal. 2
25	Isaiah 4-6	Gal. 3
26	Isaiah 7-9	Gal. 4
27	Isaiah 10-12	Gal. 5
28	Isaiah 13-15	Gal. 6
29	Isaiah 16-18	Eph. 1
30	Isaiah 19-21	Eph. 2

Daily Bible Readings for October

Day	Morning Study	Evening Study
1	Isaiah 22,23	Eph. 3
2	Isaiah 24-26	Eph. 4
3	Isaiah 27,28	Eph. 5
4	Isaiah 29,30	Eph. 6
5	Isaiah 31-33	Phil. 1
6	Isaiah 34-36	Phil. 2
7	Isaiah 37,38	Phil. 3
8	Isaiah 39,40	Phil. 4
9	Isaiah 41,42	Col. 1
10	Isaiah 43,44	Col. 2
11	Isaiah 45-47	Col. 3
12	Isaiah 48,49	Col. 4
13	Isaiah 50-52	I Thess. 1
14	Isaiah 53-55	I Thess. 2
15	Isaiah 56-58	I Thess. 3
16	Isaiah 59-61	I Thess. 4
17	Isaiah 62-64	I Thess. 5
18	Isaiah 65,66	II Thess. 1
19	Jer. 1,2	II Thess. 2
20	Jer. 3,4	II Thess. 3
21	Jer. 5,6	I Tim. 1
22	Jer. 7,8	I Tim. 2
23	Jer. 9,10	I Tim. 3
24	Jer. 11-13	I Tim. 4
25	Jer. 14-16	I Tim. 5
26	Jer. 17-19	I Tim. 6
27	Jer. 20-22	II Tim. 1
28	Jer. 23,24	II Tim. 2
29	Jer. 25,26	II Tim. 3
30	Jer. 27,28	II Tim. 4
31	Jer. 29,30	Titus 1


Vital Statistics

Attendance and Offering Report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attend</u>	<u>Comm</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attend</u>	<u>Comm</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun, Jul 3	45	41	\$4,058.00	Sun, Aug 7	46	39	\$1,962.00
Sun, Jul 10	54	46	\$1,546.00	Sun, Aug 14	55	46	\$2,843.50
Sun, Jul 17	49	44	\$1,326.00	Sun, Aug 21	49	37	\$3,495.00
Sun, Jul 24	45	39	\$2,065.00	Sun, Aug 28	45	39	\$1,235.00
Sun, Aug 31	40	35	\$3,995.00				

(2022 Budget Income needed each Sunday - \$3,331.20)

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders Dave Guertin and Jason Hoff	Altar Guild Mary Kelly and Judy Rode	2	1	2	3	
4 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Communion Service	5 8 am Men's Bible Study 	7 St. Paul Lutheran Church delivers	8 "Dinner at Your Door"	9 3:30 pm Cobb/Lindstrom Wedding	10	
11 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Communion Service	12 8 am Men's Bible Study	13 8:30 am Quilters 6 pm Board of Elders 7 pm Church Council	14 5 pm Midweek Class for K-6 gr 6 pm Dinner, Fellowship, Devotions 6 pm Handbell Practice 7 pm 7-8 gr Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir Practice	15 9:30 am Women's Bible Study at Granite Ridge 7 pm Bible Study	16 17	
18 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Quarterly Voters Mtg 12 pm Potluck Dinner	19 8 am Men's Bible Study	20 8:30 am Quilters Newsletter Articles Due	21 5 pm Midweek Class for K-6 gr 6 pm Dinner, Fellowship, Devotions 6 pm Handbell Practice 7 pm 7-8 gr Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir Practice	22 9:30 am Women's Bible Study at Granite Ridge 7 pm Bible Study	23 24	
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Youth Ministry on Wednesdays starts September 14



5 pm - 6:00 pm
Midweek Classes for K-3rd grades and 4-6th grades
6 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner, Fellowship, Devotions
7 pm - 8:00 pm
Confirmation Class for 7-8th grades