



St. Paul Epistle

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	9:00AM RLA Golf Outing 5:00 PM Free Dinner on Us!
3 9 AM Bible Class & Kingdom Camp 10:15 AM Worship w/Holy Communion	4 10:00 AM Healthy Friends 7:00 PM Valleyaires	5	6	7 9:00 AM Men's Bible Class	8	9
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17 9 AM Bible Class & Kingdom Camp 10:15 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 11:30 AM – 95 th Birthday Special Luncheon	18 10:00 AM Healthy Friends 7:00 PM Valleyaires	7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting	20	9:00 AM Men's Bible Class	22	23
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31 9 AM Bible Class & Kingdom Camp 10:15 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Hour	St. Paul Lutheran Church 51490 Laurel Road South Bend, IN 46637 574-271-1050 Email: stpaulsboffice@gmail.com Website: Stpaulsb.org Office Hours M,T,W,F - 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM (always best to call before you come)					

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Why We Don't Fear

"No one is so thoroughly superstitious as the godless man. The Christian is composed by the belief of a wise, all-ruling Father, whose presence fills the void unknown with light and order; but to the man who has dethroned God, the spirit-land is, indeed, in the words of the Hebrew poet, "a land of darkness and the shadow of death," without any order, where the light is as darkness. Life and death to him are haunted grounds, filled with goblin forms of vague and shadowy dread." So wrote Harriet Ward Beecher in "Uncle Tom's Cabin".

She hits on something we often forget. Our God is good and he is for us. We don't live in a world of arbitrary spiritual forces or simply cold heartless processes. We don't live in fear as God's people because we know who's in control. Even when things don't go our way, perhaps especially then, it is comforting to know that God works all things for our good. When we don't understand the things happening in our life we can still have confidence and peace. Not based on our ability to cope or overcome but because we know the character of our God. He had revealed himself in Christ.

Those who don't believe in the personal, loving God we do are left with a dark, foreboding world with uncontrollable forces and where everything and everyone is a threat. When we don't believe there is a good God in control we're left not only in a restless world, with uncertainty and a lack of control, we're also left feeling that all our decisions can have the power to destroy our plans and ruin our life.

As Christians in the midst of restlessness, uncertainty, and when our lack of control becomes evident and our disordered desires lead to disaster we turn to Christ. We look to Jesus who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We look to the one who formed the stars, who holds every tomorrow, and does the impossible. We find peace as we turn to Christ who may not always give us the peace we wanted in this life, but gives us true peace with God. He may not always make our lives go how we planned them but assures us that He- our good and gracious God- is in control. We're not at the mercy of fate, Karma, or the star signs but at the mercy of a good and loving God.

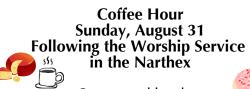
How different that is from those who are far from Christ longing for peace and security and hope. There's no place they can find the peace and security we find in Christ. All they have to cling to is that the universe will balance out in the end, or the stars align, or that good wins. Or that it's all meaningless. Our plans may not be God's plans. But we have seen from the dawn of creation, through the incarnation and onto Jesus' death and subsequent resurrection in victory that our God is in control and He is good and his plans and his ways may not be our plans and ways, but they are better and higher than our ways.

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NYG EXPERIENCE

On Sunday, August 17 during the Bible Class at 9:00 AM the Youth will be sharing about their NYG experience and will be helping with worship that day as a "Thank You" to the congregation for their support! All are welcome to join us to celebrate.



Sponsored by the Hospitality Committee



St. Paul is hosting a Basic LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Training on October

Lutheran Early

25 from 9-3. This LERT Training Event is for obtaining new or renewing/reviewing volunteer certification, enabling volunteers to be received at disaster clean-up sites. This training prepares groups to be on a local team that stands ready to respond when disasters happen, and where victims of storm damage are in need of assistance. If you have any questions, talk with Jeff Weiss.

Register by creating an account at https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?

need id=1116731





All Church Fellowship Meal
Sunday, August 10
Following the Worship Service

FREE WILL OFFERING will go to...
Food Bank of Northern Indiana

Wide Page for all Ages!

Puzz]e!

The biblical calendar had many feasts and festivals. They were connected with the changing of the seasons or special events.

Use the code to find the name of the special days the Israelites observed.

CODE

SEASON 1. End of Summer I L H S S Z H S Z M Z S 2. Fall B L N P R K K F I 3. Fall H F P P L G S 4. Winter HOLIDAY New Year Day of Atonement Festival of Booths Festival of Rededication

S Z M F P P Z S

5. Winter Festival of Lots

KFIRN

6. Spring Festival of Unleavened Bread

KZHHLEVI

7. Spring

Feast of Weeks/Pentecost

HSZEFLG

Answers: 1. Rosh Hashanah, Z. Yom Kippur, 3. Sukkoth, 4. Hanukkah, 5. Purim, 6. Passover, 7. Shavuot





WHO AM I?

Did you know that some Old Testament books are named after prophets?

Use the clues to figure out each prophet's name and write it on the lines.

Then unscramble, use the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1.	I was called to preach to Nineveh, but I ran from God instead. My book is
	number 32 in the Bible.
	I am
2.	I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. My book
	is number 37.
	I am
3.	Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. My book
	is number 28.
	I am
4.	My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises of comfort.
	It is book 23.
	I am
5.	I had dreams and visions. My book is number 27.
	I am
6.	I was often in danger because of my prophecies. I angered officials.
	My book is number 24.
	I am
7.	I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave
	their selfish lives. My book is number 30.
	I am
8.	My book contains descriptions of strange visions. My book is number 26.
	I am
	Prophets are

Answers: Jonah; Haggai; Hosea; Isaiah; Daniel; Jeremiah; Amos; Ezekiel. Messengers.

?? Bible Quiz ???

For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul's son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends.

Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- A. The name of King Saul's grandson was Mephibosheth.
- B. He was lame in both feet.
- C. His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- D. He was injured while playing with his brothers.



Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-7; 21:7.)

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Stewardship - Cheryl Ricks

Worship - Eric Kuehner

Elders

If your last name begins with...

Craig Keefe

A-D

Jim Snodgrass

E-J

Eric Kuehner

K-M

Tim Schlimpert

N-S

Paul Rieck

T-Z

INC. MEETING

No Board Meeting in July

So there are no minutes or treasurer report this month.

St. Paul Lutheran Church WAYS TO GIVE



At Worship Services



Give Online

(See Doris in Church Office to sign up)



Give my Mail

My Friend

What a blessing you have been!
Standing beside me when I needed support.
Listening when I had something to share.
Cheering me on when my spirit struggled.
Pushing me when I needed to act.
Giving advice when I really needed it.
Doing me a favor when I had a problem.
Going the extra mile when I couldn't do it alone.
Hugging me when I needed a hug.
Reminding me to laugh along the way.

You were God's gift to me.

Thank you for being my friend.

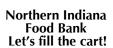
Eileen Hayen and Family would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for all the support given to her and the family after the passing of Heinz. For all the Pastor visits, phone calls, text, cards, memorials, flowers etc. It is greatly appreciated.

The Hayen Family would like all of St Paul to know how much each and everyone of you meant to Heinz. The saying next to this note "My Friend" was written by Heinz before he passed away and is for all the members at St. Paul.

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The outdoor food pantry is in need of food. If you are able to bring in canned goods please place in bin marked for outdoor food pantry.



For the month of August we are collecting Noodles & Rice!!

The Food Bank will take more Cereal too!



Thank you to all who have supported the St Paul Fellowship Meals and for your Free will offerings... below is what we have collected so far this year...

May - Help with Love \$431.00

June - National Youth Advocate (NYAP) Program \$385.00

> July - Worship Anew \$455.00



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	Midge Bourdon's birthday
3 Emerie Buss's birthday	Zoey Schiemann's birthday	Donna Hoover's birthday Ken and Karla Sauer's anniversary	6 Eric and Denise Kuehner's anniversary	7 Arlene Hart's birthday	Cindy Wheeler's birthday LeeAnn Benson's birthday	
10	11	12	Kaylee Norman's birthday Patricia Powers's birthday	Dan and Amy Carter's anniversary	Linda Canfield's birthday	Tim Schlimpert's birthday
17 Ellie Mishler's birthday	18	Arianna Jones's birthday	20	21	John and Patricia Powers's anniversary	23
Hilda Hanley's birthday Jim Santa's birthday Kathryn Pitts's birthday Sue Shriver's birthday	25	26	Bruce and Karen Niemann's anniversary	Shelby Cooper's birthday	29	3(
Dennis Monokroussos's birthday Robert Sternitzke's birthday						

If your Anniversary or Birthday is in August & your name isn't on the calendar please let Doris in the church office know.

Vacant Position on the Board of Directors

The Board has a vacant position of Secretary effective August 19 through June 2026 (Kathryn is moving to St. Joseph, MI). We are looking for a member to serve in this role until our next election, and possibly beyond.

According to our constitution, "the Secretary shall keep full and accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board and Voters' Assembly". For the remainder of 2025, we are scheduled to meet as a board the evenings of August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16. We anticipate voters' meetings on September 28, and November 23. You are not required to attend every meeting; just wanted to inform concerning availability.

If you are interested in serving, or would just like more information concerning the role, please contact Scott Rowsell (scott_rowsell@hotmail.com). Thanks!

On a personal note, I would like to thank Kathryn Pitts for her service to St. Paul these past few years especially. Besides being an excellent secretary, Kathryn previously served on a strategic planning committee and our call committees. She will be missed!

Scott Rowsell



Sunday School is Almost Here!

Sunday school resumes on September 7 and we want to see you there! This year we will offer classes for preschool through 5th grade. Middle and high school students are invited to join the adults for Bible study and encouraged to serve in the classrooms once or twice a month. Please register your students using the form in the narthex or email Hannah Swift for a digital copy.



Jeff & Anna Claire Eide Andrew, Raven & Terrance Kaluf

Interested in Serving on the Sunday School Team?

We are looking for volunteers to serve in our classrooms once or twice a month!
All materials will be provided for you. We are looking for lead teachers, assistant teachers, substitute teachers, and music leaders. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Hannah Swift if interested. All Sunday School volunteers are asked to attend an informational meeting & lunch after worship on August 17. Please let Hannah know whether or not you can attend.



Raven & Terrance Kaluf

SURPRISE 95th Birthday Party for Jean Gray {Long time Former St. Paul Member}!

The family would like to have as many stay for the lunch on Sunday, August 17 that can. Even if you don't know Jean the family would be honored to have you stay for lunch with them!

Please let the church office know if you will be staying!

Shhh! It's a surprise!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A 95TH BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATING

Jean Gray

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025



Julie - 802.582.2394 or Becky - 417.291.3352

Please send pictures, videos or well-wishes we could include in her memory video to becky@newdirectionste.com.

Cards can be mailed to:

Jean Gray

c/o Ron Gray

6609 Hickory Woods Ct

Byrnes Mill, MO 63051

(we will give her these at her party)

Important Info

