

St. Paul's Epistle

Monthly Newsletter

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August 2023

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! (Psalm 100:4).

Greetings to you, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

It is August. Summer is beginning to wind down. The School Supplies are at the stores. Kids are getting ready for School to begin. And before we know it, we will be getting ready for a new Sunday School year.

There's a lot of excitement with the new school year begins. Summer break was a lot of fun, but now we get back to academics. "Back to School" is a popular phrase that's used to get the excitement into the hearts of many students and parents. How can we have that same excitement when it comes to church? Well, I have some news to share with you!

During the Summer months, I have had much time to reflect on our situation, here at Saint Paul's. We have attendance goals that we haven't met, but I know that we can do better. So, I am going to challenge each member of our Congregation to "Step Out in Faith!"

Talking with our Leadership, we will be making a huge change beginning in September. We will be "Stepping Out in Faith" for our members, by committing to having 2 services from September through December. Our goal is that each member will be committing to attending worship. We would love to get back to pre-Covid levels of worship and even surpass it!

So, how will this look? Because we have been offering the service as printed, we will be having the same service at both service times. The reasoning for this is to save time in preparing services, but also to control our costs for printing the services.

Saint Paul's is a Sacramental Church. We are a congregation that is rooted in the Word of God and His Sacraments. While we do live stream our services, Live Streaming shouldn't replace regular worship. After all, it is in public worship that we heard God's Word and receive His gifts (forgiveness and the Lord's Supper). We stress this so much, that one of the duties of the pastor (one that I cherish) is to visit Shut-ins and give them the Lord's Supper. Our in-person worship needs to be a priority of all our abled bodied members.

Now, I can write about this and talk about it, but this will only be successful if our members will be committed to "Stepping Out in Faith!" I do have seven expectations for all of you.

Here they are:

1. That you are in worship.
2. That you are reminding family members or others in the congregation that you know of the importance of being in worship.

3. That you are inviting others to church, especially those special occasions, for example: Services that have a meal that follows, Reformation, Thanksgiving Eve, all the Christmas Services, etc.
4. Volunteering for service at the church. We will need members to help with Ushering and serving on various boards.
5. Promote our Sunday School. Make sure that your kids and grandchildren are in Sunday School. Those little lambs are the future of the Church.
6. Talk about our congregation. Share with others about our congregation and things taking place. This can be done very easily on your Social Media pages.
7. Finally, and most importantly, that you remember Saint Paul's leadership and our congregation in your prayers.

Let us be "Stepping Out in Faith!" this September!!!

Our Worship Calendar is set on our Website through December!

Our Sundays will look like this:

8:00a Worship Service

9:15a Sunday School / Bible Study

10:30a Worship Service

I look forward to seeing you in worship and may we enter with praise and the giving of thanks to our God!

In Christ,

Pastor Burns

Romans 1:16

Note on Preparation for Worship from our Organist:

Martin Luther said, "To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer." Every Sunday, we gather in our sanctuary to do just that. In an effort to better prepare us for worship, in the month of August I will be ringing the call to worship bells at 5 minutes before the service. At the ringing of the bells, you are invited to find your seat, and I will begin playing the organ prelude music. The prelude is a wonderful time to sit in contemplative silence as you prepare your heart for the worship service. At the conclusion of the musical prelude, the bells will be rung again, and Pastor will come forward with the welcome. *Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly* (Colossians 3:16a).

Remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick and in need of healing

and comfort Barb Gamache, Clarice O'Gary, Bruce Hecksel, Chad Hanson, Dan Wolinski (friend of Jason Voss), Pauline Williamson (friend of Shirley Scheuble), Jim Feuerstein (brother of Judy Opsal), Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), Lawrence & Joanne Mendez (parents of Sherry Glauvitz) and Melissa Lee. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform Pastor Burns.

Our Homebound Members are Alice Leitzke, Gladys Goerke, Irma Schmid, Clarice O'Gary, Jean Henderson, Rose Ebert, Melissa Lee, and Bertha Hannu (mother of Barb Gamache).

Our Troops who are serving abroad and here in the United States. For their safety and for those they are fighting for and against.

For the families of those who have lost their lives or were injured in the fight for freedom.

For persecuted Christians everywhere.

For those serving in the mission field

Lutheran Bible Translators, Johanna Heidorn and Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram.

For peace and reconciliation world wide.

For our nation, President Biden and the leadership of the United States.

For our state, Governor Walz and the leadership of the state of Minnesota.

Church Council and Congregational Meeting minutes are available in print or digital copies can be sent. Just call the office for a copy.

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Those Serving August 2023

Elders

Aug. 9:00a Steve Gamache

Ushers

Aug. 6&13 9:00a Erik Glauvitz

Aug. 20 9:00a TBD

Aug. 27 9:00a Amanda Harff

Media

Aug.

David Gamache
David Glauvitz
Jacob Andersen
Sherry Glauvitz
Ethan Burns

2&1 Club

The Two and One Club will be going as a group to Lutheran Night at Target Field to watch the Minnesota Twins play. The game is on August 15th, 2023 game time is at 6:40pm. We can carpool if needed-signup will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or see Twins Fan Extraordinaire, Leah Olson, for more information. LET'S GO TWINS

**PROTECT
HIS HOUSE**

At St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the safety of our members is extremely important to us. With that in mind, we have partnered with Protect His House to bring a special event to our church.

Protect His House is a faith-based training organization dedicated to helping protect church congregations from violent attacks.

We will be hosting an Active Shooter Training Awareness Seminar on Wednesday, August 2nd from 5:30p to 8:30p.

Please contact the Office for how to register. Registration is limited.



On June 4th we welcomed into God's kingdom, through Holy Baptism, Moisés Michael Langhorst. His parents are Matthias and Sarah Langhorst.



Ellen Dawson and Rick Rindahl were united in marriage on May 27th. Blessings on your marriage.

Bryton Jess Hines and Samantha Jo Zapzalka were united in marriage on June 15th. Blessings on your marriage.



FUNERAL SERVICES

A Funeral Service was held on June 9th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for Anthony "Tony" Robert Luebke. Please keep the Luebke family in your prayers

A Memorial Service was held on June 17th at Hidden Valley Park in New Hope for Timothy Gordon Wilken. Please keep the Wilken family in your prayers.

Ushering

Beginning with Super Sunday, when we start having 2 services. Tim Gamrath will only be finding one usher per service. They will be the "captain" and need to find helpers for offering and communion so please offer to help at the 8:00a service and the 10:30a service.

Newsletter Mailing Team please come to help on Monday August 28 at 9:15a. Anyone who can help fold, stick labels on and sort is welcome. Coffee and treats provided.

AUGUST Birthdays

8/01	Krista Haslach	8/14	Kennedy Sunram
8/02	Owen Moormann	8/14	Jessica Vasseur
8/02	Kobe Sokol	8/16	Doug Beier
8/02	Colleen Tyler	8/16	Alek Glauvitz
8/03	Shirley Everson	8/16	Leah Olson
8/03	Tim Gamrath	8/17	Richard Behm
8/04	Valarie Kaaria	8/17	Mary Weese
8/04	Joe Lundquist	8/19	Amanda Harff
8/05	Nora Kosloski	8/19	Grady Pomerleau
8/07	Amelia Butler	8/21	Bill McKibbin
8/08	Scarlett Caudill	8/22	Isabelle Groenke
8/09	Brenda Iten	8/22	Mat Langhorst
8/09	Cindy Pomerleau	8/26	Brad Kitzman
8/09	Adrienne Vassar	8/29	Ava Bernier
8/10	Justen Jones	8/29	Ronan Caudill
8/11	Aaron Schmidt	8/30	Scott Moormann
8/13	Samuel Glauvitz	8/31	September Schafer
8/13	William Hoppenrath		



John and Leah Pitts	August 3	38 years
Arnie and Lynette Jensen	August 6	46 years
Matthew and Jenna Deardoff	August 7	13 years
Earl and Sandy Slack	August 15	53 years
Jeffrey and Dorothy Kolden	August 16	26 years
Daniel and Esther Burns	August 21	24 years
Lee and Karin Sunram	August 22	3 years
Erik and Kim Glauvitz	August 24	10 years
Bob and Vicky Ehret	August 30	54 years



Mite Box Sundays: August 6, 2023

Mite donations can be mailed to Sandy Slack, 11430 98th Ave N, Maple Grove, MN 55369. Checks should be written out to “St. Paul’s LWML.” Those attending church services in person may place their Mite Box Mission donations in the large Mite Box in the narthex.

**During June and July, the members of St. Paul’s donated \$299.00 for Mite Box Mission Grants!
Many thanks!**

Sharing Christ’s gifts with those in need

The LWML Convention held in Milwaukee June 22-25, 2023 is completed.

Now the work begins!

New Mite Box Missions Grant Goal: \$2,350,000

Many thanks to those who faithfully read through the 45 proposed Mite Box Mission grants and then voted on 10 of them. Multiple people voted for the same projects, making it easier to make informed choices. With the new goal, 31 mission grants were chosen! Mission projects were selected from across the country and around the world. The \$500 in gift cards from our LWML zone were part of the \$16,296 in gift cards donated to Phil’s Friends. The eyeglasses donated by members of St. Paul’s were part of the 10,510 pair donated to MOST Ministries. Worship, Bible studies, mission speakers, singing, laughter and hugs, and so much more filled our days at Convention. It was with joy that we chose to “Celebrate the Lord of All Nations!”

Thank you to all who supported the drive for school supplies for **Trinity First Lutheran School** located in the Phillip’s neighborhood. Trinity First provides caring education for children and their parents in the most diverse neighborhood in the country. The children are taught the love of Jesus.

2023 Fall Women’s Retreat

September 15-16, 2023

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Carpooling will be available for the retreat. The group will decide when to depart for the retreat.

Contact Sandy Slack at xxx.xxx.xxxx (xxxx) with any questions regarding the retreat.

**Please join us at our next Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, at 1:30 pm
in the Party Room at Mary Patrice Apartments, 100 3rd St. NW, Osseo, MN**

Purchase your Brick in Honor or Memory
of your Loved one. Now Available!



Bricks for the patio of the Columbarium
are now for sale for \$100.



Do you enjoy Podcasts? Then consider The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge!

The Lutheran Ladies Lounge is produced by KFUE Radio, the official broadcast ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and available wherever you get your podcasts. Visit kfuo.org/lutheranladieslounge for program archives and additional information.

While the podcast is intended for Lutheran women, its wide range of topics, charming banter and “come one, come all” spirit will appeal to just about anyone looking for a lighthearted, fun take on Lutheranism.

They were a huge hit at the National LWML Convention in June.

Hymn Studies With Esther- August 2023

***All information taken from Lutheran Service Book- Companion to the Hymns, published by Concordia Publishing House**

The Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun- #832

The Author: Isaac Watts

Isaac Watts was born on July 17, 1674 in Southampton, England. He was the first child, of a clothier that was imprisoned three times for “Nonconformity” during Watts’s early years. In 1694, rather than enter the ministry, Watts entered seclusion at his father’s house in Southampton, where for two years he composed poetry and hymnody and continued his studies. Watts entered the ministry serving as an assistant to Isaac Chauncy, an unpopular minister of the famous Independent church at Mark Lane, London. Although best remembered for his hymnody, Watts was a prolific and well-respected author in education, philosophy and theology. He divided his writing into divine poetry, intended for private reading among the cultured, and divine hymnody, intended for congregational singing among a public with diverse theological beliefs. Seeing a parallel between preaching and poetry, Watts sought to reform moral laxity and public indecency by revitalizing the presence and power of religious verse. In his public hymnody, Watts sought to create a unified congregational voice that joined orthodox teaching of the fundamentals of the faith with fervency in belief and evangelical experience. Other hymnody from Isaac Watts: Joy to the World, Not All the Blood of Beasts, O God Our Help in Ages Past, From All that Dwell Below the Skies, among others.

Hymn Background:

When Isaac Watts composed hymns on the psalms, he sought “rather to imitate than to translate.” This hymn on Psalm 72 does not paraphrase the psalm but rather uses portions of it for Christian contemplation and worship. In this hymn, Watts focused on the expanding rule of Christ within His Kingdom. Watts knew his original hymn might be too long for use in public worship, he noted that what were originally the second, third, seventh and eighth stanzas could be omitted without destroying the sense of the hymn. Of these, our LSB hymnal retains the eighth stanza, now numbered as stanza 5.

The hymn celebrates the dawn of the messianic age in Jesus. In doing this, it assumes rather than proclaims a prior Christian understanding of God’s work in the death and resurrection of Christ, particularly as that work is read through the lens of the Old Testament messianic prophecy. Many of the expressions in the hymn, such as “His love,” “blessings,” and “eternal rest” must be interpreted within the context of the much larger and more specific story of the life of Christ. When that is understood, the hymn offers a wonderfully expansive glimpse of Christ’s reign.

When are we singing this hymn?

#832- Jesus Shall Reign, Where'er the Sun will be sung on August 20- the 12th Sunday after Pentecost, as the closing hymn.



Trinity First School

in the Phillips neighborhood is in need of the following:
(Hint: school supplies go on sale after July 4th)

School supplies:

- Plain white construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Crayola markers
- Unruled 3 x 5 index cards (plain white with no lines)



Gift cards:

- Target or Walmart (write amount on the cards)
- Gasoline station cards (Speedway or Holiday – NOT Kwik Trip!)

Dedication of donated items will be August 6, 2023

Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



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Confirmation Orientation will be September 6 at 6:00p. All Confirmation students and their parent/s need to attend. We will meet in the Sanctuary.

Super Sunday will be September 10th with Sunday School kick off at 9:15a and worship at 10:30a with a meal to follow.

S.P.Y.News

Friday August 11th 7:30p-10:00p

All Youth (and any parents that want to join) meet at the firepit. Hot dogs and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a snack to share and a lawn chair. This will be a time to hang out with our college bound friends before they leave!

Who, me? Yes, you!

The Bible is filled with people who don't feel up to the challenge of serving God, speaking for God or leading his people. But God always knows what he's doing. Pastor Haviland Houston issues this challenge: "When you are hesitant to act, or feel a failure of nerve coming on, when courage lags, or even if laziness and the 'I don't care' blues get you down, may the words of Mordecai to Esther burn in your hearts and minds: 'And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'" (See Esther 4:14.)

Max Lucado offers a similar reminder in *You Were Made for This Moment*. "God always has his person," he writes, also citing the book of Esther. "When we feel as though everything is falling apart, God is working in our midst, causing everything to fall into place. He is the King of quiet providence, and he invites you and me to partner with him in his work."

Lucado continues: "[God] has a Joseph for every famine and a David for every Goliath. When his people need rescuing, God calls a Rahab into service. When a baby Moses needs a mama, God prompts an Egyptian princess to have compassion. He always has his person. He had someone in the story of Esther. And in your story he has you."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Board of Elders 6:30p <i>Centerstage 9:30a-12:30p</i>	2 Protect His House Seminar 5:30p-8:30p <i>Centerstage 9:30a-12:30p</i>	3 <i>Centerstage 9:30a-12:30p</i>	4 Office Closed <i>Centerstage 9:30a-12:30p and 6:30p Lawn Performance</i>	5
6 10th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service 9:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:00a Mite Box	7 VBS 9:30a-11:30a	8 VBS 9:30a-11:30a All Other Boards 7:00p Council Meeting 7:30p	9 VBS 9:30a-11:30a	10 VBS 9:30a-11:30a	11 Office Closed	12
13 11th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:00a Zach Burns Eagle Court of Honor 2:00p	14 Staff Meeting 10:30a	15 Newsletter Deadline 2 & 1 Club – Lutheran Night Twins game 6:40p	16 Web Meeting 7:00p	17	18 Office Closed <i>Centerstage 10:30a-2:30p</i>	19
20 12th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:00a	21 Staff Meeting 10:30a	22 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 7:00p	23	24	25 Office Closed <i>Shooting Starz 5:30p -7:30p</i>	26 <i>Shooting Starz 9:00a-1:00p</i>
27 13th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:00a	28 Staff Meeting 10:30a	29	30	31		



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