

St. Paul's Epistle

Monthly Newsletter

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September 2023

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God, do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law (Nehemiah 8:9).

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

God's people had just returned to Jerusalem after an extended exile in Babylon. The walls of the city have been rebuilt. The Temple was rebuilt as well (we read about that event in the Book of Ezra). They were home. And all the people gathered around Ezra and Nehemiah; and the Law of the LORD is read to the people. The Law, the Hebrew word here is Torah, was most likely a reading of the Book of Deuteronomy. The people heard the retelling of their history; the giving of the Ten Commandments; God's promises to His people; and now those people getting ready to cross the Jordan and FINALLY enter the Promised Land. And, throughout it all, God was with His people. The exile was over. It was finally time to go home.

We had an exile of sorts. Covid brought us to be separated from each other. While we did have the technology to see each other on a screen, it just wasn't the same. We are social beings. We're not made to be apart. That separation brought a new pandemic: Loneliness. That pandemic affected numerous people in our area. People of all ages. Loneliness drove drug and alcohol abuse to skyrocket. And sadly, suicide was on the rise. Loneliness, and its deadly effects, has touched each of us. We're not made to be alone.

July 5, 2020, was a moment in my ministry that I will never forget. After months of being separated from our members, we were finally back to in person worship. That was a very emotional moment. One where I had to hold back tears. It was such a joy to see those present. I can't say it was a joy to see your faces, because everyone was wearing masks. But it was good to be back together after a time of exile. That exile continued for many. And it continued for months and years. That exile has affected attendance in every denomination in the United States. It's time for the exile to end. It's time to return home.

This month we begin our challenge of Stepping out in Faith. Don't forget my seven expectations:

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.

We will be kicking off Sunday School on Sunday, September 10th. Super Sunday is a great way for all of us to do just that! Invite others to our service. Talk to people that you haven't seen in church for a while. Let them know about the meal following the service. These, and more, are great ways for us to be "Stepping Out in Faith!"

Please note these important changes to our Worship Schedule:

September 10, 2023

9:15a Sunday School / Bible Study

10:30a Worship Service

11:30a Fellowship Meal

Sundays beginning on Sunday September 17, 2023

8:00a Worship Service

9:15a Sunday School / Bible Study

10:30a Worship Service

May we return to God's house this September. May it be a time for us to be together, surrounded by Word and Sacrament. And may it be a time for us to be "Stepping out in Faith!"

The exile is over! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

In Christ,

Pastor Burns

Romans 1:16



Remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort Nancy Kitzman, 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.

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Those Serving September 2023

Elders

Sep. 3	9:00a	Bill McKibbin
Sep. 10	10:30a	Bill McKibbin
Sep. 17	8:00a	Adam Schmidt
	10:30a	Bill McKibbin
Sep. 24	8:00a	Adam Schmidt
	10:30a	Bill McKibbin

Ushers

Sep. 3	9:00a	Phil & Shirley Everson
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Media

Sep.	David Gamache
	David Glauvitz
	Jacob Andersen
	Sherry Glauvitz

2&1 Club



2&1 Club will attend the 2:00p show on Sunday Sept. 10th.

Tickets have been Purchased for those that signed up.



Community comes together again at Osseo Lions 47th Annual Event, and we want YOU to participate & Step Out.

Osseo Lions Roar Parade is Saturday, September 9, 2023, beginning at Noon with staging at 10:30a.

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

Ushering

Beginning with September 17th 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.

Livestreaming

When we go to two services in September one-service will be livestreamed. Whether it will be the 8:00a service or 10:30a service will be up to who is livestreaming that weekend.

If you can help with livestreaming please come up to the balcony. We are looking for help with camera’s and Power Point!



The October **Newsletter deadline** will be **September 13th!**

All articles need to be sent by the 13th due to the Newsletter being mailed on September 21st. Sherry will be on vacation the week of September 25th.

Newsletter Mailing Team please come to help on Thursday September 21 at 9:15a. Anyone who can help fold, stick labels on and sort is welcome. Coffee and treats provided.



9/05	Debbie Hanna	9/18	Samantha Harff
9/08	Gavin Moormann	9/19	Nick Gearhart
9/09	LaVonne Hoppenrath	9/20	Monty Opsal
9/10	Lindsey Schue	9/21	Emma Burns
9/11	Lucia Sokol	9/21	Jane Tobias
9/13	Addison Deardoff	9/23	Wyatt Tuttle
9/14	Phil Everson	9/25	Danny Kruzel
9/16	Kailee Schmid	9/25	Ruby Moormann
9/17	Madison Glauvitz	9/26	Alexander Kosloski
9/17	Amy Tombisammy	9/26	Diane Perusse
9/17	Hunter Zinter	9/27	Bryan Hoppenrath
		9/30	John Pitts



Forrest and Jean Zoll	Sep. 1	61 years
Zach and Kari Heiling	Sep. 8	11 years
Dwayne and Char Lieder	Sep. 12	53 years
Joseph and Amber Bretto	Sep. 14	10 years
Michael and Abby Sokol	Sep. 15	5 years
Rick and Cindy Scheevel	Sep. 16	45 years
Roger and Cyndie Zeman	Sep. 17	46 years
Gerald and Georgie Kiffmeyer	Sep. 18	59 years
Alex and Amanda Klang	Sep. 21	4 years
Joshua and Katie Westgaard	Sep. 22	16 years
Dale and Cindy Pomerleau	Sep. 24	46 years
Damian and Missy Lee	Sep. 29	22 years
Kelly and Janelle Loven	Sep. 30	28 years



Mite Box Sundays: September 3, 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 August, the members of St. Paul’s donated \$181.00 for Mite Box Mission Grants!

Many thanks!

Sharing Christ’s gifts with those in need

Though the Gospel is shared through Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) programs, services, or materials over 163 million times each week, more than 3 billion people in the world still need to hear about Jesus. Because of this great need to share the Gospel, the women at the 40th Biennial LWML Convention in Milwaukee voted to support TWO mission projects sponsored by LHM that will total \$200,000.

Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan (\$100,000) –This grant will provide Christian training programs, resources, and media to women and children both in urban and remote villages of Kazakhstan. This grant will allow families to hear God’s message of salvation in their own language and in culturally appropriate ways.

Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the U.S. (\$100,000) – Hispanics are now the second largest ethnic population in the United States, and the need to share the Gospel of Jesus is great! Programming, media content, and print materials are being written for Hispanics by Hispanics who are aware of cultural sensitivities and are better able to discern specific needs.

Thank You to all who supported the drive for school supplies for Trinity First Lutheran School located in the Phillip’s neighborhood. All of the items were greatly needed. The un-ruled 3x5 inch index cards were immediately taken into the office where they will be transformed into flashcards. Thank you, thank you!

2023 Fall Women’s Retreat --Several women from St. Paul’s will be attending the LWML MN South District retreat, “*Promised Rest*” on September 15-16, 2023. The retreat will be held in the new Omega Lounge at Camp Omega.

LWML Conference Rally—Save the date: Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

VBS

Stellar VBS was from August 7 through the 10th. We had 12 kids who attended VBS and many outstanding adult and teenage helpers. Thanks to all the volunteers for making VBS such a success. A special thank you to Jenny Hines. We couldn't have done this without your excellent leadership. We learned how to Shine Jesus' Light when life feels dark, when people don't get along, when good things happen and when people need help. Let's continue to Shine Jesus' Light everywhere we go.

SUPER SUNDAY

Sunday School starts with Super Sunday on September 10. Sunday School will be at 9:15a with a church service at 10:30a and a potluck luncheon following the service. During the Sunday School hour, we will be doing a scavenger hunt and meeting the teachers. Parents are welcome to stay.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at 9:15a at least through the end of the year with church services at 8:00a and 10:30a.

New this year: We will all start with an opening in the auditorium. The preschool through 2nd grade classes will then move to the West Wing and grades 3, 4 and 5 will meet in the old nursery.

After many, many, many years of teaching, Rick Scheevel decided it was time to retire. Thank you, Rick, for your faithful service to St. Paul's Sunday School. You will be missed. We are currently looking for a replacement teacher for the middle school class.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Zoey Schafer will be receiving her bible at the 10:30a church service on September 10.

We are looking forward to seeing everybody on the 10th.



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.



WHEN:	September 10, 2022
TIME:	Sunday School at 9:15a
	Church Service at 10:30a
	Potluck at 11:30a

During the Sunday School hour, the kids will be meeting their teachers and doing a scavenger hunt. Parents are welcome to stay for the fun. During the church service, the Zoey Schafer will be receiving her bible.

Join us for a potluck lunch after the 10:30a service. Bring a dish to share. Hope to see you all there!!!!

Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

September 2023

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 Office Closed	2	
3 14th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:00a Mite Box	5 Board of Elders 6:30p <i>Just for Kix 5:00p-9:15p</i>	6 Confirmation Orientation 6:00p	7	8 Office Closed <i>Centerstage 10:30a-2:30p</i>	9 Lions Roar Parade 12:00p	
10 15th Sunday after Pentecost Super Sunday Sunday School kick off 9:15a Worship Service 10:30a Potluck 11:30a 2&1 Club 2:00p <i>Shooting Starz 3:00p-8:00p</i>	12 All Other Boards 7:00p Council Meeting 7:30p <i>Just for Kix 5:00p-9:00p</i>	13 LWML Business Meeting 1:30p Newsletter Deadline (due to NL early) Confirmation 6:00p	14 <i>Just for Kix 5:00p-9:15p</i>	15 Office Closed <i>Centerstage 10:30a-2:30p</i>	16	
17 16th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service 8:00a Education Hour 9:15a Communion Service 10:30a <i>Shooting Starz 3:00p-8:00p</i>	19 <i>Just for Kix 5:00p-9:15p</i>	20 Confirmation 6:00p	21 Newsletter Team 9:15a <i>Just for Kix 5:00p-9:15p</i>	22 Office Closed <i>Centerstage 10:30a-2:30p</i>	23	
24 17th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 8:00a Education Hour 9:15a Worship Service 10:30a <i>Shooting Starz 3:00p-8:00p</i>	26 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 7:00p <i>Just for Kix 5:00p-9:15p</i>	27 Confirmation 6:00p	28 <i>Just for Kix 5:00p-9:15p</i>	29 Office Closed <i>Centerstage 10:30a-2:30p</i>	30	



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