



**SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARISH MESSENGER**



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Saint Paul Lutheran Church
is committed to praising,
praying, and sharing the Word of God.



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Pastors' Letter for the September 2019 Newsletter

Things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us...we will not hide them from their children. Psalm 78:3-4

As we get back into our fall "routines" it comes to our attention again how important it is to pass our faith on to our children. We are living in a time where the Christian faith is under attack on many fronts and it is more important than ever that we take seriously the need to lay a foundation of faith for our children and help them to see the necessity of putting God first in our lives. This will provide not only an anchor for them in the shifting tides of our culture but will ultimately bring true joy to their lives.

I can't count the times that I have heard parents say that what they want for their children is for them to "be happy." Knowing that storms of all types will arise in their lives wouldn't it be better if we could commit not to working for happiness, but instead fostering joy – joy that comes only from knowing Jesus and walking in His ways – worshipping and serving Him as first priority and letting the other activities fall into place behind this essential.

We are a people called out to be a light unto others. Our lives are to be different chiefly in the fact that we worship the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Look at the calendar and see the great opportunities we have for worship, learning and serving in Jesus name.

And remember that true JOY comes when our lives are ordered in this fashion: **J**esus

Others

You

See you at worship!

Pastor Sally

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR September MIVO Medical Mission Team

The Special appeal for this month is the ongoing work in Haiti with the MIVO Foundation. There will be 2 people traveling to share the love of Christ in the clinic in January. Lori Smyser will be serving as an RN and the team leader and Chuck Mann will be serving as part of the support staff and spiritual advisor. The cost per person is \$ 1500 for airfare, travel, rooming and food for 9 days. Prayerfully consider helping them to defer the costs and continue to pray for the missionaries in Haiti.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the October newsletter need to be in the church office by **September 16th.**

Book Club



Please join us on September 11 at Noon, we will be discussing Eclipse of the Sun by Michael O'Brian. A copy is available at church. Bring a lunch and join our conversation.

OUR DAILY BREAD: Our dessert for September is Sugar Cakes. Use your favorite recipe and place (2) 2" cookies in each bag. We need 360 bags by **9 am on Friday, September 20**. If you are able to make some, please sign the sheet in the narthex or contact Kate Frye at 792-1650. Thanks!



Please call the church office if you or a loved one are in the hospital, we do not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name, and we want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!



Sympathy is extended to the family of: Elsie Wire. We are praying for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and give thanks for the hope of the resurrection through Christ our Lord.

Delve into the Scriptures and be enriched by the Word.

The Book of Isaiah has been called the Fifth Gospel for it prophesizes the ministry of Our Lord and speaks profoundly of its consequences. Join us on Thursday September 12, 19, 26 and October 10, 17, 24, and 31 as we explore the Gospel in Isaiah; gaining a greater understanding of where Isaiah fits into the Scriptural witness, distinguishing between Law and Gospel in Isaiah, and seeing how the Good News of Jesus Christ is so clearly proclaimed in this book written hundreds of years before the earthly birth of Jesus. Our Bible study takes place at both 9 AM and 6 PM, with the same session dealt with at either time slot. Class will take place in the room behind the stage at the Sunday school entrance. What a great way to enter into fall, by delving into one of the greatest books ever written.

Men of Faith

The meeting times this year for our Men's Group will be more flexible, with two times to select from. Our first meeting this year will be offered at either 7 AM on Wednesday September 11 at Mary Janes' restaurant on Route 30 or in the church fellowship hall at 8 AM on Saturday September 14. The basis for our study this year will be the book **Man Up!** by Lutheran Pastor Jeffrey Hemmer, copies of the book will be available at the church for those who want to purchase one, sign up list at the back of the church, or you can order it yourselves on Amazon. Through Christ and in following him as his disciples we are better equipped to be good husbands, fathers, church members, etc., God's forgiven people living life for his glory.

THANK YOU

Dear Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church: Andy Stump and his Asaph Teaching Ministry Board of Directors thank you for your contribution of, \$1,211.83 & \$900.00 to his gospel and music ministry in Pas-bwa-dom, Haiti. Asaph continues to present Christ in a rural Haitian community one lesson at a time. On behalf of Andy, Ronald Saylor, Secretary Asaph Ministry

Just a note to let everyone know how much I appreciate all the well wishes, the visits and food. Hope everyone had a great 4th of July. Hope to be back soon. Thank you again. Rita Shotzberger

“Thanks to everyone for your generosity with this years' back-to-school clothing donations. They are a blessing to so many children and families in the Spring Grove Area.” Mike & Debbie Eisenhart

Dear Scholarship Committee, Thank you so much for the scholarship money that you granted me. I am truly blessed to have received this gift as it will help with my tuition. I appreciate all the love and support that I have received from Saint Paul Church. Thanks again! Joe Jones, Jr.

Dear Saint Paul Family, Thank you so much for the generous scholarship that you have awarded me. I am so grateful to have such an amazing church supporting me along my journey! Thank you again! Olivia Jones

Thank you to Brenda Shorts for praying with me before both surgeries, driving, care after and the muffins. Thanks everyone for your prayers. God's blessings to all. Jackie Meyer

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Sept.1

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Proverbs 25:2-10

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-17

Gospel: Luke 14:1-14

Sept. 8

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

Sept.15

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-24

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1: (5-11)12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 22

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:1-15

Gospel: Luke 16:1-15

Sept. 29

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Amos 6:1-7

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



Women of the Word

Does your life feel ordinary, uninteresting, humdrum? Are you in a rut, riveted to the routine, plodding through each day? If you are living in Christ Jesus, your life has meaning. Open your eyes to the wonder of a life knit with the Divine. Jesus has called you, chosen you, and changed you. Your life is caught up with His, transformed into something altogether new. He has called you His beloved and made you fantastic promises. All because you are in Him.

Join Women of the Word on Wednesday, September 18 at 1:00 pm when will be starting our new Bible Study titled "*Living in Jesus*". This study will work its way through the passages of scripture that tell you all you have and are in Jesus - alive in Him, rooted in Him, complete in Him. Discover that the Christian life is vibrant, mysterious, and beautiful - in a word **SENSATIONAL!** Barb Sloat will lead our first study titled "*Alive in Him.*" We hope you can join us for this time of Bible study and fellowship.



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Our Fall schedule will be:

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Amos Herr House in Lancaster for September is now September 25 instead of the 18th due to a conflict in scheduling. We will still meet at 9 and tour at 10 followed by lunch. Tour is by donation. Bring money for lunch!

October: Anstine's Candy

November: Goodridge Freedom Center

December 12 - Bird N Hand Christmas Show - reservations including payment of \$52 is due by October 31

SPONSORSHIPS
ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

Sept. 1 Denny & Deb Shue / Jack & Joyce Hall
Sept. 8 Donald Nace & family / Barb & Rod Sloat
Sept. 15 Charlotte Hoffman & family
Sept. 22 Jackie Meyer / Open
Sept. 29 Open

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

Sept. 1 The Krebs family
Sept. 8 Margaret Will
Sept. 15 Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Leppo
Sept. 22 Richard & Mary Keller
Sept. 29 Open

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

Sept. 1 Open
Sept. 8 Open
Sept. 15 Denny & Deb Shue
Sept. 22 John & Esther Jacobs
Sept. 29 Open

DVD MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

Sept. 1 Treva Albright
Sept. 8 Treva Albright
Sept. 15 Treva Albright
Sept. 22 Open
Sept. 29 Roy & Lisa Gentzler & family

PARISH MESSENGER

Margaret Will / Open

SANCTUARY LAMP

Sandra Albright

OPEN 2019 SPONSORSHIPS

- **Please note that if you are sponsoring the 5th Sunday, it may not be available next year.** If you wish to sponsor an opening, please call the church office (792-1650 between 8 am and 2 pm)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you."
James 1:5*

**Sunday School for all ages!
(Faith Learning 9:45am on Sunday Morning)**

We are having our kick off on September 8. Our theme verse will be: "They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." Isaiah 35:10

We will be focusing on the JOY of the redeemed!

It's going to be a fun time with indoor and outdoor activities as we celebrate that God has crowned us with His love and we have Royal Destiny in store for us as we look forward to our home in heaven.

Join us for snacks, crafts, games and a great introduction to the coming educational year!

For Adults:

Parents of Faith – prayer and Bible study of relevant topics for parents as they raise their children in the faith – this class will be meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Lutheran Theology – currently We are still working through Luther's Large Catechism, just finishing up the Lord's Prayer, and for the Fall we'll be studying the Sacraments, Baptism and Holy Communion, we are meeting in Room 10.

Concordia Bible Study - is studying the Book of Romans and is meeting in the CYC room

For Youth:

Nursery – Age 3 will be in the two nursery rooms at the end of the hall

Pre-K – K – will be in room 5

Grades 1-2 will be in room 3

Grades 3-6 will be on the stage

Confirmation (7-8) will be in the pastor's office

Senior High Youth & Young Adult (9-12) in the youth



HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS

Canned pasta, Beef stew, Pork and beans, Canned soups, Canned fruit, Vegetarian beans, Canned vegetables, canned chicken breast, boxed mac & cheese, elbow macaroni, boxed rice, hamburger helper, chicken helper, boxed potatoes, canned tuna, canned diced tomatoes, canned corn. *Monetary donations are always gratefully appreciated.*



CYC will accept applications for the 2019-2020 school year for both the 3 and 4-year-old classes until September 30th. Children need to be either 3 or 4 by the 1st of September. Registration can be done through St. Paul's webpage www.saintpaul-trinity.org or by calling the church office and requesting a registration form.

The 3-year old's meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 and the 4-year old's meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00-11:30. Tuition for the 3's is \$90/ month and for the 4's it is \$115/month - both with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$20.00.



Be sure to visit the new CYC website at

<https://www.cycpreschool.com/> And don't forget to post this link on your Facebook page and share it with friends! CYC is starting up and in addition to the regular M-W-F program for the 4's we will be having enrichment opportunities to extend the day throughout the year. See Roxanne Donnan for more information.



BLANKET WORKSHOP: The quilters will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 10th at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.**

We are currently in need of flat sheets, large square non-polyester fabric tablecloths, or cotton material to be used for quilt backs. Please join us! New friends are always welcome!

Phase II Sharing the light of Christ update

Now we have moved from destruction to construction! Yeah!! When we pull in the front parking lot we can now see where the covered drop off will be and if you have a chance to look out back you can see the start of the new parlor. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support as we Move forward in Faith.

Upcoming activities for EVERYONE!
Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Upcoming dates for Youth and Family Events:

Sunday School Kickoff – September 8th
Church Family Retreat – October 4th & 5th
Crop Walk – October 13
Trunk or Treat – October 27

Summer reading Program for Youth

A number of our youth have been participating in our Saint Paul summer reading program as they read Christian books. Books are available on the book cart at the back of the church and they can also read or have read to them books from other sources. Sheets are available on the book cart for them to record the names of the books they have read and if they read 12 books completely by Sunday September 8, the readers will be receiving prizes for their efforts during our Sunday school kick-off event in Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU

“Thank you” Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally for your visits, communion and prayers with Charles over the last year and a half. I want to thank Pastor Paul for performing his funeral service as Charles had wished. A special “thank you” to Connie Dunklebarger for playing the harp and singing the old hymns at his service. Charles always said no music until you convinced him with your suggestion, while you and Ed visited with us. He always enjoyed your visits as well. Thank you to Donna Rinehart for putting a lovely luncheon together for everyone following the service. Many thanks to the members of the congregation who sent cards of sympathy and to those who came to the service. In Christian love,
Jackie Witman and family

Dear Social Ministry Members, Thank you so very much for providing a lovely & delicious funeral luncheon. Everything was excellent and the attention to details made it special. It was a blessing that we didn't need to be concerned about any of it. Thank you for the fresh floral centerpieces, mother would have enjoyed them. A special thank you to ladies that prepared cakes, salads & fruit & veggie trays. And to all who served that day – you are the best. Thanks for blessing us. Bonnie, Curt & Family

Dear Friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world. In Christ,
Melanie W. Gibbons, Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

LCMC

LCMC Annual Gathering is September 29- October 2.

Attending will be:

Please pray for us and make sure you participate remotely as you are able. Last year we were able to share our experience at the council retreat and we hope that many of the ideas we learn this year will also be able to be translated into ministry growth as we work together to serve Christ and our neighbor. Attending this year: Connie & Ed Dunkleberger (delegates) Staff: Pastors Paul & Sally Gausmann, Kate Frye, and Chuck Mann



Adult Choir Practice

Will resume on Thursday, **September 12** at 7:15pm. New members are welcome on all voice parts! Join us for the fun, fellowship, and opportunity to “make a joyful noise for the Lord.”

Resources that will enrich your Christian walk.

Over the years we have found a very rich variety of resources to draw upon for daily devotions and inspiration. The Portals of Prayer devotional booklets, available at the back of the worship area, has many inspiring devotional writings and prayers to enrich our daily walk with the Lord. The weekly worship bulletin insert entitled "Taking Faith Home," is good and thought provoking for both individuals and families. Council members and others have copies of the Daily Text, whose format includes Bible verses, Prayers, the Small Catechism and other helpful resources for greater faith reflection and worship, it is purchased through Mount Carmel Ministries in Minnesota. For those who use the internet a good resource is found at

<https://dwellingintheword.wordpress.com>, which often has rich reflection on the Scriptures and inspirational music. Another resource in this regards can be found at Wels daily devotions <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions>., a nice brief reflection on God's Word from the Wisconsin Evangelical Synod.

Among the many rich devotional books you can use several include the series For All the Saints a four volume set that follows the daily lectionary including readings, a reflection and prayers, it is available from The American Lutheran Publicity Bureau at <http://alpb.org/?s=For+all+the+saints>. Two good books with Daily Devotions from well-known Lutheran leaders include the thoughtful To Live with Christ by Bo Giertz available on Amazon and Quiet Moments on the Way Home by H.E. Wisloff, which can best be purchased from The Church of the Lutheran Brethren on-line bookstore. Reading Luther's Small Catechism, one page at a time can be an excellent way to stay grounded in the basics of the Christian faith, we have free copies available at the church it can also be found online. Many other resources can be noted, all these mentioned are tried and true and can be a real blessing to your life. For further information just ask me, Pastor Paul



Family Retreat – October 4-5

We are back at Camp Nawakwa this year and will enjoy being at Zinn-Tozer Lodge. It's an easy drive to rural Adams County and will provide us with a welcome place for some relaxing activities!

We'll have Bible studies, hikes, campfires, and games!

Cost: \$20 per adult per night (kids are free!)

Day participants (\$10 per person)

Mark your calendar – sign up

_____ will attend the Church Retreat.
Name

Contact me at: _____ to tell me what to bring.
(phone or e-mail address)

I will meet you there or carpool. (circle one.)

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