

St. Paul Epistle



St. Paul Lutheran Church

OUR VISION:

We are broken and blessed followers of Christ,
providing a home for all who wander the weary road.

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Weekly Services:

Saturday Worship: 5:30pm – Sunday Worship: 9:00am

Sunday School 10:30am – Bible Class 10:30am

DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER 2023

Sept 4	OFFICES CLOSED - LABOR DAY
Sept 7	Confirmation Starts 5:30pm - 7pm
Sept 10	Sunday School Starts
Sept 11	Mission Circle Planning Meeting 6:00pm
Sept 12	Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm
Sept 14	Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00pm - 1:30pm
Sept 25	Golden Age Euchre Club 1:00pm
Sept 28	Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00pm - 1:30pm



WITNESS

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL

Summer's ending and it's back to school and all our other normal routines and the same with the Mission circle. We will be having our yearly planning meeting on Monday, September 11th at 6pm. Come hungry as we will be having pizza and dessert and get our year rolling. We would love to have some new faces and some new and exciting ideas, so please join us and give it a try. We meet once a month for bible study and have a short business meeting and great fellowship. All women are members of the Women of St. Paul. *Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Nancy Henry - Christian Life*



MERCY



FOOD PANTRY - For the month of **September** we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Laundry Soap

Canned Fruit

Mac & Cheese

Garden Produce

Dish Soap

Potatoes of any kind

Sugar

Oil

Canned Meats



LIFE TOGETHER

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

- **Lutheranism 101** - For those interested in membership or anyone interested in reviewing the basic teachings of the Lutheran Christian faith please contact Pastor Crawford. Classes meet on an as - needed basis.
- **Sunday Adult Class** - Studying the books of Hosea, Joel & Amos. In October we will begin a study of Lutheran Worship.

- **Brown Bag Bible Study** - Brown Bag Bible Study will be on September 14th & September 28th at 12:00pm bring a lunch. Coffee and dessert provided.

PRAYER CHAIN: Need "Links" for prayer chain - simple as phoning a friend to continue prayers. Please call 563-588-1076 ASAP! God Bless!
Karen Paar

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Days off - September 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Our new office hours are Monday - Friday 9:15am - 1:15pm

OFFICIAL ACTS - August 2023

Baptisms: *Journej Jordan Pergande*
Junior Confirmation: None
Adult Confirmation: None
Weddings: None
Transfers In: None
Transferred Out: None
Funerals: None



FLOWERS: Thank you to everyone for purchasing altar flowers to beautify our church on a weekly basis. We ask that you pay at the time of sign-up and designate if you are taking them following Sunday service or leaving them to be taken to homebound members. There are 5 weeks open (Sept - Nov) if you would like to have flowers. Please remember to return the glass dish ASAP or we are charged an additional \$5. You can leave it in the fellowship hall or put in front of the secretary's office. Charlotte Tiggs 563-599-2745.



ALTAR GUILD! There is currently a great need for altar guild helpers. If you are willing to help clean the communion vessels after services or polish metalware twice a year, please call the church office or send an email to the church secretary.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER info is due by **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH**
If you could have your articles in no later than September 15th that would be great since I will be out of town September 29 - Oct 1. The newsletters would need to be in the mail no later than September 27th.

RUTH CIRCLE: We want to remind all our church members of the greeting cards we have for sale. The proceeds from the card sales go to cleaning the Pastor's vestments and purchasing the altar linen. We have the following boxes of cards available: Graduation, Confirmation, Birthday, Anniversary, Thinking of You, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding, and Christmas. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 7th at 10:00am.

BOARD OF ELDERS

LAST CALL -- Help Needed - Missing Persons

In late May the Board of Elders sent out a letter to all members who have not attended services in 3+ years, seeking to re-establish contact and invite them to return. Many of the letters were returned by the USPS as we do not have correct addresses. Following the procedure laid out in our church's constitution (see below), we are seeking this information from fellow church members. If you have a current address for any of the following people, please contact Pastor Crawford or the church office as soon as possible:

Laura Bailey
Shirley Hale
Brad Howes
Mark Kaufman
Heather Kress, Hayley Kress-Churchill, Kayla Kress-Churchill
Rose Leifker
Sarah Leifker
Hope Pergande
David Ross, Colleen Ross & Sam Ross
Tracey Watkins

Constitution - Article 4 - Membership

4.3.3 Whereabouts Unknown

Members whose whereabouts are unknown and contact cannot be established will have their names published in the monthly newsletter to determine if contact information is known by a member of the congregation. If contact information is not provided within 90 days they shall be removed from the membership roster. Reinstatement will be considered through written appeal to the Board of Elders.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Sunday School will begin Sunday, Sept. 10th, 2023, Bible presentation to Jack. Becky Clark and Kristie Fry will teach. Confirmation will be on Thursdays from 5:30pm-7pm starting September 7th. The teachers for grades 5th & 6th will be Brianna Fry, Trevor & Kayla Budewitz, Pastor Crawford will teach 8th grade. Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29th- pair with Adult Bible Study. Advent Project Event Dec. 2nd, Family Christmas Celebration Sunday Dec. 17th at 9:00am service. Practice will be on Saturday Dec. 9th. The theme this year is "Peace Came To Earth". Serving cookies/bars and hot chocolate after service. Continue to send care packages to college members - Ethan, Emily, Jordan and Adam.

Fair Wrap-Up

Well, Fair 2023 is all wrapped up and put to bed for another year. Thank you, thank you and thank you everyone that worked again this year. We could not do it without you. A special thank you to Kristie and Dennis Fry and family for being night managers, doing the nightly deposits and paying the bills. Thank you Rod for startup cleaning and shut down, painting the counters, dealing with 2 broken freezers and dealing with me (not always easy). This year the heat was awful and the bad storm on Friday night, but we managed to actually have an increase in sales over last year by \$1200.00. We did have to increase our prices a bit so that factored in also. Our total gross income for the week was \$18,165.00. We have not spent our money the last couple of years so we have \$21,000 that is going out, we feel, to some pretty good places. First of all, at the May voter's meeting we pledged \$10,000 toward the organ fund however we are able to raise that up and donate \$15,000 to that fund. We will also be giving \$1,000 to Zach Barz, \$500 to each the youth group and Boy Scout Troop 48, and \$500 toward the periodic purchase of new books for our outside library. Our tip jars that sat at each window had donations of a total of \$556 which we will round that up to \$1000 and split it between the Food Pantry and the Board of Mission & Ministry Good Neighbor fund, \$500 will go in the fund for use towards church gatherings (such as the parking lot party and Pastor's anni versary potluck). Also we will give \$1,000 towards the roof repair and \$1,000 towards the tree trimming or removal. Mark your calendars for July 23rd thru July 28th 2024 and we'll do it all over again. And again thank you all so much for your help. *Nancy Henry*

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN SEPTEMBER

Joan Bailey

Sandy Lugrain

We have cleaned up the "memorial" list. We are only going back 10 years for the people who have died.

PRAYER LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)

Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)

Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)

Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)

Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)

Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)

Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)

Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)

Mark Geothschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)

Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)

Tiffany Crowe (daughter of Jim & Marion Crowe)

Marlene Lenaburg (sister of Charlotte Tigges)

Connie Telschow (relative of Richard & Kim Weed)

Brittni Strege (niece to Richard & Kim Weed)

Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)

Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)

Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Kathryn Moyer (Care Initiatives),

Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Doris Pergande,

Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives), Dusty Colby, Judy Pergande, Jayson

Eichman (Care Initiatives)

Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)

- The Walker family

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTMBER 2023

	Sat, Sept 2, 5:30pm	Sun, Sept 3, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Altar Guild:	Kristie Fry	N/A
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Sat, Sept 9, 5:30pm	Sun, Sept 10, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Eric Schultz	Dave Kelley
Altar Guild:	N/A	Janet Smith
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Sat, Sept 16, 5:30pm	Sun, Sept 17, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Greg Kittle
Altar Guild:	N/A	Becky Clark
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Sat, Sept 23, 5:30pm	Sun, Sept 24, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Lutz
Altar Guild:	N/A	Angela, A.J. Osterkamp
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt
	Sat, Sept 30, 5:30pm	Sun, Oct 1, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt



September

Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4-Andrew & Ariana Dorn | 4-Colby & Kendra Lafrenz |
| 14-Danny & Patty Thumser | 16-Greg & Andi Kittle |
| 28-Rod & Nancy Henry | 30-Richard & Judy Pergande |



September

BAPTISMS

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| 1-Nancy Prine | 2-Connor Hill | 4-Adam Hill, Jr. |
| 6-Trudy Clark | 10-Patty Thumser | 12-Ron Pergande, Sr. |
| 17-Danny Thumser | 17-Lisa Wehrspann | 20-Jayson Eichman |
| 24-Jan Anderson | 24-Taylor Kelly | 26-Julianna Thibadeay |
| 27-John Weber | 28-Kendra Lafrenz | 29-Jaxson Taylor |
| 30-Emily Fry | | |



September

Birthdays

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| 4-Jan Anderson | 5-Arlene Elliott | 7-Ray Schickel |
| 8-Kendra Lafrenz | 10-Dennis Waugh | 11-Sara Hiris |
| 16-Ken Ranson | 17-Eden Frey | 17-Myles Worden |
| 18-Janet Smith | 18-Barb Waugh | 19-Sandi Heller |
| 20-Dixie Hassler | 20-Jeff Zasada | 21-Linda Ayers |
| 21-Dennis Fry | 21-Barrett Zasada | 22-Ethan Kelley |
| 23-Will Wehrspann | 24-Misty Lutz | 25-Joe Henry |
| 27-Cindy Hass | 28-Jim Crowe | |