

St. Paul Epistle



October 2025

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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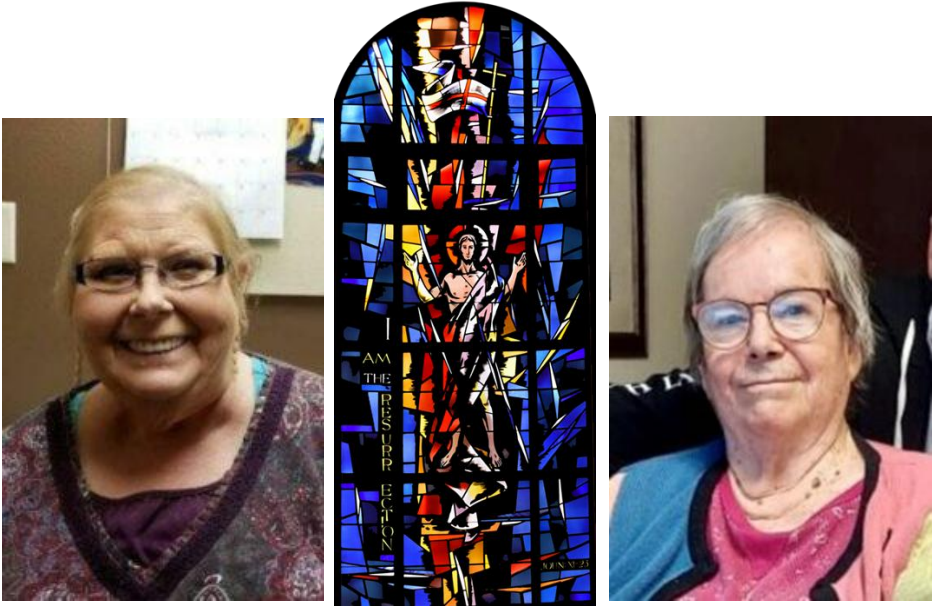
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Weekly Services:
Saturday Worship: 5:30pm - Sunday Worship: 9:00am
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30am

DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER 2025

- Oct 2 Ruth Circle 10am
- Oct 7 GriefShare Support Group 1pm - 3pm
- Oct 9 Brown Bag Bible Study 12pm - 1:30pm
- Oct 12 Organ Rededication 2pm - 3:30pm
- Oct 13 Mission Circle Meeting 6pm
- Oct 14 GriefShare Support Group 1pm - 3pm
- Oct 14 Board of Elders Meeting 5:30pm
- Oct 21 GriefShare Support Group 1pm - 3pm
- Oct 23 Brown Bag Bible Study 12pm - 1:30pm
- Oct 27 Golden Age Euchre Club 1pm
- Oct 28 GriefShare Support Group 1pm - 3pm

Never too Late: Remembering Kathryn Moyer & Anne Priske



Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” (John 1:45-46)

I want to highlight two faithful women this month who we might not have had ample opportunity to know or to grieve.

For the entire time that Kathryn was a member at St. Paul, she was homebound. First at Ecumenical Tower and later at Care Initiatives. Her niece from North Liberty, IA got her connected to our church. A lifelong member of the LCMS, we received Kathryn by membership transfer in 2017. Among her treasured possessions was a white Bible embossed with her name in gold – a confirmation gift. She also had copies of The Lutheran Hymnal and the Lutheran Service Book. She loved to sing hymns. Over our years visiting, she always had great questions about the Bible passages we read.

Somewhere along the way, Kathryn was given a roommate in the nursing home. It was Anne. The two got along fantastically. Kathryn began sharing things with Anne: church bulletins, Portals of Prayer, sermon copies.

Eventually, Anne expressed interest in becoming a member of the church and receiving Holy Communion. Anne had been baptized as a youth in a Lutheran campus ministry setting. She continued to walk with Christ doing chaplaincy work with Amnesty International. She attended a Lutheran church again later in life but was never confirmed. Anne was a lover of the arts. She especially showed an interest in visual arts. Herself a living canvas, she always liked wearing brightly colored accessories and had a smile that lit up the room. When Mark Litka would bring the two roomies to church, they said it was the highlight of their week. They especially loved the sharing of the peace.

On April 8, 2023 late in the night at the Easter Vigil, Anne became the oldest person to ever be confirmed at St. Paul at the age of 81. Anne often kept pictures from bulletin covers and other art that she worked into beautiful collages. One such image that she kept displayed in her room was an image of a stained glass window depicting the risen Christ and the words "I AM THE RESURRECTION." These two friends and sisters in Christ clung to that confession of faith in Christ. They each had more than their share of trouble in life and together they wrestled with past and present difficulties and offered one another support, prayer, and encouragement.

The Lord took Kathryn home on Dec. 20, 2023 and her family made arrangements for a private service. Anne was noticeably affected by Kathryn's death. Shortly thereafter her health began to decline sharply. The Lord summoned Anne to himself on August 25, 2025. Kathryn and Anne died in the confidence that Jesus is the resurrection and he will raise them from the dead on the Last Day. Their friendship is a powerful testimony to us. Something as simple as sharing a church bulletin can have a big impact on someone. It's never too late to bring people to Jesus. It's never too late for faith to be rekindled. And it's never too late to find a home in God's house. Thanks be to God for the witness of these women of faith!

See you in Church,



Pastor Jon



WITNESS

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL

The Women of St. Paul meet in September and did our yearly planning. Turkey Day on Saturday, November 1st will be coming up before you know it. We will have our turkey/dressing sandwiches and a bake sale. Remember, we will **NOT** be having our rummage sale so as you are fall cleaning, take all your items to St. Vincent De Paul, Goodwill or the Mission. We will have a regular meeting and bible study on Monday, October 13th at 6:00. We would love to see some new faces. We will be hosting the Fall Rally on Saturday, October 18th at 9:00 registration at 8.30 at St. Paul. Look for flyers in your mailbox and on the bulletin board. RSVP thru Nancy Henry 563-599-3885 or the church office 563-556-7636. *President Nancy Henry*



MERCY



The Salvation Army Food Pantry - For the month of **October** we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Soup	Canned Fruit	Hot Chocolate
Coffee	Salt & Pepper	Paper Towels
Jelly	Shampoo	



LIFE TOGETHER

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

- **Lutheranism 101** - This is open to everyone. A great way to get a refresher on the core teachings of the faith. Saturday from 4pm - 5pm.
- **Sunday Adult Class:** Immigrants Among Us: A Lutheran Framework for addressing Immigration issues.

- **Brown Bag Bible Study** - Brown Bag Bible Study will be October 9th and October 23rd 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 563-663-4304 ASAP! God Bless!
Karen Paar

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Days off - October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

OFFICIAL ACTS - SEPTEMBER 2025

Baptisms: None
Junior Confirmation: None
Adult Confirmation: None
Weddings: None
Transfer In: None
Transferred Out: None
Funeral/Memorial: *Anne E. Priske - September 17, 2025*



ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATE: If you have not signed up to have flowers on the altar now is the time. We have 1 week open. It is the Weekend of November 15 & 16. The flower chart is in the fellowship hall. Cost remains at \$30 with payment made to St Paul and ear-marked "flowers" at the time of sign up. Put the payment in envelopes provided with necessary information filled in, and place in the offering plate. Please check if you will take after Sunday service or leave for shut ins. We continue to ask you to return the glass bowls for reuse. Questions-Charlotte Tigges 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.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER info is due by **FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH**

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, October 2nd at 10:00am.

BOARD OF MISSION & MINISTRY

GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND: Please feel free to designate an offering to the Good Neighbor Fund to help meet the needs of our church family and neighbors in their time of challenge.

GRIEFSHARE: No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful process. The GriefShare support group is for people dealing with the death of a family member or friend. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 13 weeks, you'll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships; how to recognize what's normal in grief; and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

At a weekly GriefShare meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion for sharing, support, and personal application of what you learned on the video. You will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating your personal grieving process.

Please join us: Tuesday afternoons, October 7 - November 25, 2025 from 1-3 PM at St. Paul Lutheran, 2025 Jackson St.

To register visit <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/271169>

SAVE THE DATE: Organ Rededication: On Sunday, October 12, 2pm-3:30pm we will have a rededication of the newly enhanced pipe organ featuring David Pitt and guest organists Charles Barland and Riley Sindt. Cookies and fellowship following.

Meals for Sue Hass & Trudy Clark Post-Surgery

We're organizing a Meal Train for Sue Hass for the few weeks following her hip replacement surgery and for Trudy Clark following her neck surgery, as they recover. Meals can be delivered hot, or with instructions for serving/heating and have portions for three adults (no allergies or dietary restrictions). To sign up, please visit mealtrain.com/3y4y48 or scan the QR code.



Also, if you are aware of someone who could benefit from a Meal Train (post-surgery, family emergency, etc.), please let the church office know. We'd like to make this a regular part of the way we care for our church family.

Quote of the month:

Practice kindness on a daily basis---be the good.
Author Anonymous

Notes + News from the **Board of Christian Education**



S'more Night

Invite one (or more) of our church neighbors or a friend to church on **Saturday, Sept. 27** at **5:30**, and stay for some s'mores and singing by the campfire afterwards (6:45)! S'more supplies provided, just bring a chair!

Sunday School

Sundays | 10:30-11:30 am | age 3-8th grade

DATES TO NOTE:

- **Next meeting** | October 7, 2025, 7pm at the Crawfords'
- **St. Paul Family Christmas Celebration Rehearsal** | Saturday, December 6 at 9:30 am
- **St. Paul Family Christmas Celebration** | Sunday, December 14 at 9 am (hot chocolate bar + cookies to follow)



Intergenerational Advent Event

November 22, 2025 from 9:30 to 11 am | This year we'll be led by guest speaker Jeannie Newton, family life coordinator at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Rockford, IL,

exploring how **rituals and traditions can focus us on Jesus and build family identity and belonging, both at church and home!** Participants will also receive an heirloom quality faith resource for their household, to use throughout Advent and beyond.



Register by Sunday, November 2 at tinyurl.com/stpadvent25 or scan the QR code. Questions? Ask Katy Crawford or Brianna Fry!

Questions? Connect with Katy Crawford (katy.munson@gmail.com, 815.876.6426) or Kendra Lafrenz (kendrag9897@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to be involved!



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2-Joe & Tammy Henry 12-Brandon & Trista Zasada
 22-Ray & Wendy Schickel 24-Kip & Tamra Weland
 30-Eric & Nicole Oliver



BAPTISMS

1-Tatum Worden	2-Ray Schickel	3-Barb Waugh
3-Ryan Weber	4-Dennis Fry	4-Lisa Miller
5-Colt Key	5-Gage Mitchell	5-Dennis Waugh
8-Sandi Heller	9-Janet Smith	10-Joe Henry
10-Natasha Pergande	12-Teona Bailey	12-Na'zayhia Franklin
13-Jim Crowe	16-Charlotte Kelley	16-William Kelley
20-Dixie Hassler	21-Tammy Henry	21-Teri Riechmann
21-Charlotte Tigges	22-Elaine Rohde	25-Annabelle Schaal
28-Sara Hiris	29-Cindy Hass	29-Josie Wilant
29-Jeff Zasada	30-Arlene Elliott	30-Toni Thumser



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Greg Kittle	1-Charlotte Tigges	3-Kayla Budewitz
3-Cael Jorgensen	4-Kaitlyn Miller	4-Misty Stangl
5-Teri Riechmann	6-Gage Mitchell	7-Bryn Kelly
7-Josie Wilant	8-Danny Thumser	9-Tammy Henry
10-Lydia Weland	12-Elaine Rohde	13-Ron Cathey
13-Damaris Eichman	13-J.J. Johnson	22-Alex Calonder
23-Jon Lutz	25-Annette Purnhage	27-Natalie Fox
28-John Barz	28-Sebastian Fox	28-Erin Hassler

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN OCTOBER

Sandra (Sandy) Ranson

PRAYER LIST FOR OCTOBER 2025

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)

Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)

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

Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)

Mark Geothschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)

Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)

Brittini Strege (niece to Richard & Kim Weed)

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

Matthew Kittle (brother of Greg Kittle)

Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)

Kenny Stelpflug (brother of Doris Pergande)

Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams, Jim LuGrain

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby, Judy Pergande,

Jayson Eichman (Harmony), Damaris Eichman, Jan Anderson,

Dick Kokemiller (Luther Manor)

Additional Prayer Request

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)
- The Walker family
- Donetta Spohr
- Marlene Weber
- Sue Hass
- Trudy Clark

**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 OCTOBER 2025

	Sat, Oct 4, 5:30pm	Sun, Oct 5, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Oct 11, 5:30pm	Sun Oct 12, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Adam Hill, Jr.
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Oct 18, 5:30pm	Sun Oct 19, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Greg Kittle
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Oct 25, 5:30pm	Sun Oct 26, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Lutz
Altar Guild:	N/A	A.J. & Angela Osterkamp
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt