

ST. PAUL VISITOR
SEPTEMBER 2023

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY
AT 10:00AM FOR
IN PERSON WORSHIP
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The Mission Of St. Paul
Evangelical Lutheran
Church Is To Celebrate
And Proclaim To All The
Saving Grace Of Jesus
Christ In Word And
Deed.

ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE ❤️

WORSHIP AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

SEPTEMBER 10 AT 10:00AM
RITTER PARK SHELTER 2

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP, FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP AND MUSIC
FEATURING "RENDER THE HEARTS"



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. BLESSING BUCKETS



10th Anniversary of
God's Work. Our
Hands.



Help us put together
Blessing Buckets for people
facing emergencies.

The Social Ministry
committee will lead us in
assembling "Blessing
Buckets" to give to anyone
who needs cleaning supplies
after an emergency such as
fire or flood.
We will be putting these
together after the picnic on
September 10.

September 10 after
worship and picnic

Pastor's Reflections

So, what is your Good News these days? So much of life and the stuff around us seem to be about not so good news. Things that maybe we would rather not hear about yet can be so prominent. You know what I am talking about wars and rumors of wars and by the way did you hear that a new strain of COVID is circulating and that you must test within 48 hours of your being exposed to get an accurate test result. It all seems so depressing, doesn't it?

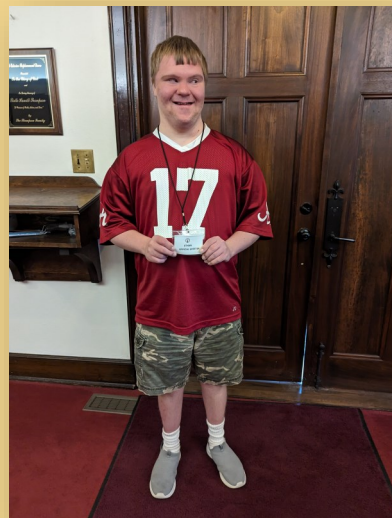
So, what is the Good News you and your family have today? Tomorrow may be different. What is the Good News here at St Paul? Look at the newsletter and you will find some things- ministry things, I am sure. Let me list a few for you: 1. The annual picnic at Ritter Park with the local band Render the Hearts leading us in music. 2. The ministry project the Social Ministry folk have planned for us after worship and during the picnic time while listening to music. 3. Nadia Bolz Weber is coming on September 8. She will be bringing the gospel to people you and I might not be able to reach for Jesus. 4. Sunday school and Adult Forum are up and running. Thanks to all those who can help in this very important ministry. 5. Worship attendance in person has picked up a bit. Amen and alleluia. 6. Computers are working appropriately in the church office. 7. We have begun the process to register youth and young adults for the ELCA Gathering in New Orleans next summer.

WHEW! That is a lot! I think being Good News people takes time and energy on our parts. When the world seems to want to tell us not so good news it seems to me that it is our call to speak of the Good News. This of course for us who practice our Christian life in the Lutheran way means we talk and live and show the Triune God – Father/ Son and Holy Spirit. It means this church seeks to move forward to learn from things that may not work too well that may need a little tweaking. It means that you and I are people of daily gratitude for all the good we take for granted and that God gifts us with daily.

I am going to seek to be intentionally more grateful this fall and winter. I am going to seek to be intentionally a person of Good News of Jesus – died/ risen and ascended.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor KLM <><

Ethan Arneson has been given the official designation as our "Sunday Morning Greeter". His smile and welcoming attitude makes him perfect for the job!



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

We started choir rehearsals mid-August and I hope you enjoyed the first choral anthem after the summer. This coming Sunday, we will sing another anthem for you, to Dietrich Bonhoeffer's text "By Gracious Powers." You may know Bonhoeffer as one of the most influential Lutheran theologians of the 20th century, and as one who was actively involved in the resistance against the Nazi regime. Even though Bonhoeffer wrote this text during his imprisonment in 1944, it is wonderfully comforting and hopeful.

If you are interested in singing in our choir or otherwise engaging musically in our Worship, please talk to me on Sunday mornings or simply come to a choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights at 7 pm, downstairs in the choir room.

Sunday in two weeks, on September 10, we will have our annual Worship and picnic at Ritter Park, and the praise band Render the Hearts will provide music for us. Let's give them a warm welcome like in previous years!

A brief report from my time in Germany and Italy this summer: In early July, I performed a solo recital in my hometown. The venue was packed with a little over 100 people in the audience, and I enjoyed seeing many familiar faces – friends, former teachers, parents of friends etc. Even my kindergarten teacher was there, and I recognized her at once (after more than 40 years...)! The local newspaper published a nice article about the concert, and the ads said, "Henning Vauth, USA." I always find this change of perspective educational. For people in my hometown in Germany, Huntington, West Virginia means the big, wide world.

A week after the concert in Germany, I traveled to Sicily again for an -day international piano festival and competition, where I taught 18 students, performed in a mixed faculty recital, and adjudicated a competition. Traveling back to Germany proved to be an adventure, as the airport in Sicily had a fire and was closed for several days. With an economy-size rental car (stick shift), and three students from the US, Canada, and Vietnam plus luggage we drove 9 hours from Sicily to Rome, the next airport that had available flights the following day. I did not know the students before the festival and they did not know each other, but we had a wonderful time, ate pizza in Naples (which was on the way), and walked around the Vatican in the middle of the night, since we had a couple hours left before the first student needed to be at the Rome airport at 4:30 am.

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to Keith Wellman and Dylan Morgan for filling in for me and making it possible to visit my family in Germany.

Last but not least: A big thank you to David Mansouri and Katherine Becker Mansouri for playing violin during the last Sunday of July at St. Paul. It is always a pleasure to make music with Carolyn Becker's musical family!

Henning



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Fall is in the air. It is that time of year where everything changes once again. The kids are back to school, the weather is changing and all things Fall are appearing. We see the leaves starting to change and know that ends of harvest time are near. In August, we also have had 2 full moons with the second being a blue moon. Seek God's blessings in all of these changing wonders. God's promises are evident in all of our natural surroundings.

We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School, "Anchored in Jesus" in August. It was the hottest part of the summer. The kids enjoyed Bible stories, crafts and games and ended in Miller Miller Park with music, popsicles and prayer. It was a joyous time. We had the most adult and youth volunteers ever. The youth made cards and magnets to send to our homebound members. The kids enjoyed sharing God's love with others. The youth have now started Sunday school and have been enjoying fun and fellowship and service. We continue to learn about God's work using our hands. We will make cards and magnets at the Church picnic for the buckets we will be preparing for flood victims. Our youth program of CCC will start after the annual church picnic. Our first Wednesday back will be Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Our older youth are planning an escape room event to experience team building skills and working together in efforts to escape. Our high school youth and young adults attended a meeting on our national youth gathering and young adult gatherings in New Orleans in July of 2023. We have about 8 or so interested in registering and attending. This year's theme is "Created to be". We will learn we are created to be brave, authentic, free, disruptive and disciples of God. The Gathering will be a wonderful experience to learn about faith formation, to worship with thousands of Lutherans, to hear amazing speakers and see musicians, and to do community service, once again- "God's work, our hands". I look forward to growing in faith as we prepare for this wonderful opportunity and experience together. We will collect registrations by September 30th. If you need registration forms, you can get them in the church office.

It is wonderful to see all the new people visiting our church. As this season changes, let us all be "stirred up" in God's love that we may share the Good News and welcome others in our community. Today and everyday is a beautiful day that God has made. Let us REJOICE and BE GLAD IN IT!

God's Blessings!
Your Loving sister in Christ,

Jill

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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TO BE MYLE
the table Young Adult Gathering

July 16-20, 2024

WE'RE GOING TO
THE GATHERING!

For youth in
grades 8-12 and
young adults
18-35.

July 16-20, 2024

Please see Jill May
or Pastor Mackey if
you are interested
in attending.
Registration forms
are due by
September 30.



September Anniversaries

26 Dan and Edie Beals



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Isaiah Garnett
- 3 Betty Church; Pat Jones; Jan Kirby
- 4 Wilda Maynor; Christine Vickers
- 6 Katie Bell; Luke Fornash
- 8 Zak Garnett
- 9 Garrin Simpson
- 10 Jennifer Murray; Brad Bell
- 11 Trudy Hesse
- 14 Ruthann Arneson
- 16 Jo Kendall
- 18 Daniel Kist
- 21 Annette Duvall
- 27 Dominick Barham; Neil Arneson
- 29 Carolyn Becker

WE PRAY FOR:



- *LaDonna; Al, Helen, Ernie, John, Jackie, Stephen, Kay, Barbara, Mike and, Mandy*
- *If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call the church office.*



DAILY DEVOTIONAL IN YOUR INBOX

The readings listed below are emailed to the congregation Monday-Friday along with a suggestion for contemplating the scripture. If you are not currently receiving the daily devotional and would like to please contact the church office.

Aug. 28-Sept. 1: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Sept. 4-8: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 11-15: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-2; Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 18-22: Jonah 3:10--4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sept. 25-29: Ezekiel 18:1-4; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32



Giving of Bibles

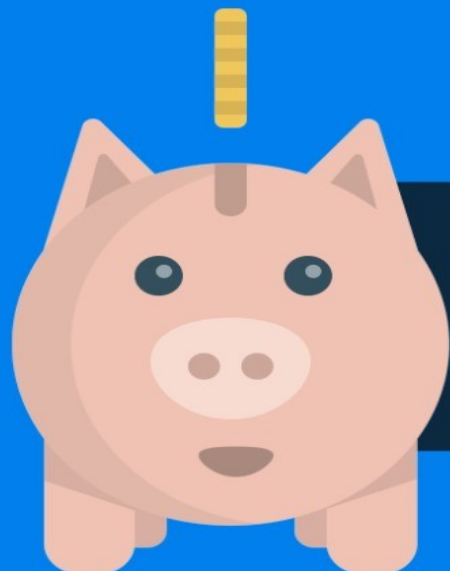


As part of their baptismal journey we give new Bibles to our youth at certain milestones. On Sunday, September 10 Daniel Kist will receive his next Bible. Please join us as we celebrate with Daniel.



STEWARDSHIP AND
FINANCE
COMMITTEE
MEETING

September 11 at 6:00pm



AUDIT COMMITTEE

If you are interested in being part of the audit committee please see Steve Golder or Julie Huron



HARVEST SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

**\$5 FOR ONE
LARGE MUM**

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH WITH MUMS
ORDERS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 24 COST IS \$5 EACH

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF MUMS: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

If you pay by check please write "mums" on the memo line. Make checks out to "St. Paul Lutheran Church".

Average Worship Attendance

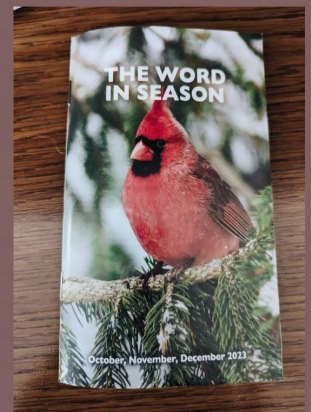
July

In person: 59 Facebook closed: 49 Facebook open: 54 YouTube: 6

August

In person: 43 Facebook closed: 61 Facebook open: 48 YouTube: 4

The Word in Season devotional for October, November, December is available in the narthex.





September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 10:15 am Sunday School	LABOR DAY Office closed	9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir		7:00pm Nadia Bolz-Weber at WSU	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00am Worship and picnic at Ritter Park	7:00pm Writer's Group 6:00pm Stewardship/Finance	9:30am Quilting	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 10:15 am Sunday School		9:30am Quilting	10:00am Book Club 7:00pm Choir			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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WORSHIP HELPERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 3

Reader: Mary Lou Fricke

Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson

Communion Deacon: Mary Lou Fricke

Acolyte:

Flowers:

Bread: Barb Garnett

Ushers: Andrew Wellman, Bernadette Wellman

September 10

Reader: Norma Gensler

Assisting Minister: Norma Gensler

Communion Deacon: Steve Golder

Acolyte: Daniel Kist

Flowers: No flowers--picnic

Bread: Barb Garnett

Ushers: Andrew Wellman, Bernadette Wellman

September 17

Reader: Steve Golder

Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider

Communion Deacon: Norma Gensler

Acolyte: Daniel Kist

Flowers: Dan and Edie Beals

Bread:

Ushers: Andrew Wellman, Bernadette Wellman

September 24

Reader: Owen Murray

Assisting Minister: Steve Golder

Communion Deacon: Jenny Murray

Acolyte: Daniel Kist

Flowers: Ruthann Arneson

Bread:

Ushers: Andrew Wellman, Bernadette Wellman

ALTAR GUILD

3 & 10: Linda Schneider
17 & 24 Nola and John Scott



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Thank you to everyone who brought in gifts of backpack supplies during Christmas in August. Your generosity will help provide weekend meals to many students at Southside Elementary.

We continue to need more supplies. If you can purchase any of these items, please bring them to the church and place in the bins in the narthex:

Individual mac and cheese
Individual beef a roni
Individual cereal boxes
Pop tarts
Beef sticks
T/cracker combos
Chicken/cracker combos
Shelf stable milk
Individually wrapped snacks



Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For September we will be collecting cans of tuna. Please leave your donations in the container in the narthex.





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