

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
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*Saving a seat for you and your family.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

## *September 2022 News*

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**Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 9:30**  
*Just a reminder if you are not able to make it to Sunday Services they are still being  
streamed on our Facebook page.*

**Facebook: @STPaulNeola** 

**Bible study will be held Sunday mornings at 8:15-8:45 in the church basement  
Saturday's @ 7:30 am - Men's Prayer Group**

**If you are not receiving emails, and would like to, send an email to  
[stpsecretary3123@gmail.com](mailto:stpsecretary3123@gmail.com) or [officemanager@stpaulsneola.church](mailto:officemanager@stpaulsneola.church)**

***The Mission Of St. Paul's Lutheran Church***

**Share the Good News of Jesus Christ** and to make disciples of all nations.  
therefore, with God's help, we will:

**Proclaim Christ** in word and deed;

**Invite** the unchurched to "Come and See Jesus";

**Commit ourselves to discipleship** through Bible study, worship, prayer,  
Christ-like servanthood and fellowship;

**Open ourselves** to the Holy Spirit's leading, so that whatever we do, we  
do in Jesus' name.

Amen

***September Celebrations....***

Emily McKern-9/14

Hunter Larson- 9/22

Michael & Emmalee Reese- 9/25/2021

***Upcoming Sunday's***

**September 4;** 13th Sunday after Pentecost *communion* **Reader: Bruce Bracker**  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-35

**September 11;** 14th Sunday after Pentecost **Reader: Steve Andersen**  
Ezekiel 34:11-24, Psalm 119:169-176, 1 Timothy 1:5-17, Luke 15:1-10

**September 18;** 15th Sunday after Pentecost *communion* **Reader: Terri Andersen**  
Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-15, Luke 16:1-15

Rally Sunday

**September 25;** 16th Sunday after Pentecost **Reader: Harriette Andersen**  
Amos 6:1-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Luke 16:19-31

**October 2;** 17th Sunday after Pentecost *communion* **Reader: Monte Bracker**  
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 62, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:1-10

**October 9;** 18th Sunday after Pentecost **Reader: Rashelle Wohlers**  
Ruth 1:1-19, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:1-13, Luke 17:11-19 **Sunday School**

**October 16;** 19th Sunday after Pentecost *communion* **Reader: Bruce Bracker**  
Genesis 32:22-30, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5, Luke 18:1-8

This is a website we use to get the readings and other materials each week. It has some wonderful information and tools.

[www.solapublishing.com](http://www.solapublishing.com)

**Username:** sower2958

**Password:** stpauls-neola



The start of the Sunday School Year will be September 18th.  
Mark your calendars and tell a friend!!!

Join us for Service at 9:30 with lunch and activities to follow.

Enjoy fellowship, food, and activities for all ages as we  
celebrate the kickoff to Sunday School season.

This year Sunday School will happen every 2nd Sunday during  
service. Sunday school will begin right after the youth  
message in the basement of the church.

Brothers and Sisters at St. Paul's Lutheran,

Last month I asked you to contemplate with me the tasks that will enable our congregation to plan for a future that we want to inhabit. And then develop the skills that will enable that plan to become a reality. I will be leaving copies of those tasks on the tables during coffee time. When you sit to solve the problems of the world I'm asking you to start close to home. Perhaps we will find that we have the will and the skill and the opportunity to do something which will indeed have a positive effect on the ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran!

This is a short thought (which is usually all I can handle) from the May news letter: "**Take small steps but always in the right direction.**" keep it in mind as you read on.

In the meantime, while we are at worship we will be dealing with some lessons that are not very much fun but which have the capacity to make a huge difference in the future of our ministry – if we have ears to hear. And a heart to move. And courage to set goals and actually do something in anticipation of the power of God's Spirit working here in this place.

To prepare, read ahead:

September 4 – Philemon (All of it but especially v. 21), Luke 14:25-35 (except v. 34-35)

September 11 – Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Timothy 1:5-17 (especially v. 12-15); Luke 15:1-10

September 18 – 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15 (Don't think too much about politics)

September 25 – Amos 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:19-31

Two other things which will help realize the future for which we are looking. Maybe three.

1. Study with me on Sunday Morning at 8:00. Church basement. Not hiding out but looking for the will of God.
2. Come to the parsonage on Wednesday at 6:00. Bring food if you're hungry. But mostly bring questions about faith and life and church and your real life.  
-And this takes the most initiative-
3. Invite people to your own home and have discussions which lead to greater fruitfulness (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) so that you may be blessed and be a blessing.

This may sound strange and it is because God works in strange ways. Good news – he loves you. Me too! **See you at worship this week!**



We Want You.... to join the Church Council

The council is looking for 3 new members starting in January. The council meets once a month in the basement of the church. The current members are Steve Andersen, Josh Bracker, Monte Bracker, Bill Bracker, Bob Gregory, Julie Jenson, Jim Jenson, Rashelle Wohlers, and Ruben Valdez. Please let them know if you are interested in joining or ask them any questions about their responsibilities.

## August 2022 Meeting Minutes

This is the meeting of St Paul's Lutheran Church held on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in the basement of the church. Council members present: Josh Bracker, Steve Andersen, Monte Bracker, Bill Bracker, Bob Gregory, Julie Jenson, Jim Jenson, and Rashelle Wohlers. Not present: Ruben Valdez

Also present: Pastor Joe Lambert

Josh, as President, conducted the meeting

Pastor Lambert led those present in the opening prayer.

Nate (IT) reported that Wester Iowa Wireless punt new equipment up. He was asked if a VOIP phone would work at our location, and his recommendation was not to try VOIP, as our internet connection is not good enough. He recommended trying Google Voice, which is an app that we already pay for. It utilizes cell towers, not internet. Through further discussion, it was decided to continue having our current landline, and set up the

Google Voice account with a few people that the calls would be sent to, to see how it operates.

Correction to July Meeting minutes that Steve Andersen was present. Motion to approve the previous month's minutes as amended by Julie Jenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Bracker, all in favor, motion passes.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Motion to approve by Steve Andersen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Bracker, all in favor, motion passes.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor is thankful that we have members able to wear many hats to get supplement when needed. New Call Orientation is Sept 17<sup>th</sup> and Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Gathering in MN is Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. We are doing well with making the church's physical appearance be good with the roof improvements. Continued roof project on Saturday at 6:30 AM.

Old Business:

- A Spending Policy rough draft was presented by Bill Bracker. Changes were recommended, and it will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- The meeting with members with kids at Monte and Ramona Bracker's was well attended. A main takeaway was the desire for Sunday School for the youth of the church. A meeting after church on August 14<sup>th</sup> was scheduled with those interested in helping.

New Business:

Next meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Monte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve to adjourn. All in favor, motion passes.

We closed the meeting by all reciting the Lord's Prayer together.