

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH VISITOR

SEPTEMBER 2025

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.



Annual Worship and Picnic in the Park

September 7

10:00am

Ritter Park Picnic Shelter

REMEMBER TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND
WEAR YOUR RED ST. PAUL SHIRT



HELP US PACK!

We will be packing 100 Blessing Bags at our annual Worship and Picnic in the Park on September 7. We need everyone's help to pack! Plan now to attend worship, enjoy great food, fellowship, music and help out for a good cause!

Pastor's Reflections

As I sit here in the study at the church it is one of those pre-Fall days. You know the ones. These are the ones when a walk in the morning doesn't completely drain you because of the heat and humidity. Today is one of those days that it is relatively cool – as compared to the weather we have had of late.

I enjoy these kinds of days. I think because I am ready for the cooler temps. I am always a season ahead though. Wanting Summer to come while it is Winter. Wanting Fall to come while it is technically still Summer (at least by the calendar).

All this talk about seasons calls to my memory the text from Ecclesiastes chapter 3. The text talks about times. Times for this and time for that. Time is an interesting concept for us humans. We ask questions about time to one another: How long have you been in your current position? Does your daughter like High School? What time do you and the other colleagues meet? Is it on a regular basis?

We have had some interesting times here at St Paul recently. We had a time of sharing in worship and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the faith at Christ the King Lutheran Church after our Summer Bible School that we held together. Most recently we had a time of joint worship with our brothers and sisters in the faith at First United Methodist downtown. The worship to the glory of God primarily focused on music and the joint choir. They brought us the Word through music.

As we look to September the church calendar fills up with times for renewed and new ministries. It is time to begin the Noon Bible Study on Thursday's. The Council has discerned that it is time to start a regular fellowship time. We will have coffee and goodies after worship each week beginning on September 14. Pastor Warren from Christ the King and I believe it is a time to gather our resources together and teach confirmation jointly. There are so many other "times" I could list here. Maybe you have some.

Please come and join your brothers and sisters in the faith for the "times" God sets before us.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor KLM <><

One last thing: I plan to take up writing for my pastoral blog once again. I'm going to call it Midmonth Blog (original isn't it) Look for the first edition on our web site: stapulhuntington.org on or around the 15th of each month.



As part of their Baptismal journey, we give new Bibles to our students during certain milestones. On Sunday, September 7 we will be giving Bibles to several of our students. Please plan to be here to celebrate with them.

Dear St. Paul Congregation:

I hope you all had a great summer! I was in Europe for about a month, visiting my family and at a music festival outside Vienna to which I took one of my Marshall students. I also performed a solo piano recital in my hometown Porta Westfalica. The name "Porta Westfalica" is Latin and means "gate to Westphalia". Coming from the north, a gorge between two mountain ridges is the entry to the region of Westphalia. The name was coined by scholars of the 19th century. I am attaching pictures from the St. Steven's Cathedral in Vienna and the solo recital in my hometown.

After coming back to the United States, we hit the ground running, so to speak, with three special Services in a row:

I'd like to thank Pastor, the St. Paul Choir and all of you who joined the ecumenical Worship at First United Methodist Church on August 24. Special shout out to Dan Beals, our Council Vice-President, who's idea of a musical collaboration was at the very beginning of this! The two choirs, Debbie Bradley, and I started rehearsing immediately after my return from Germany and we were welcomed with open arms at FUMC. We sang a total of four anthems, arrangements of Spirituals, throughout the Service and I unexpectedly did enjoy playing the woodblock on one of them... We are already talking about a follow up collaboration at St. Paul.

For Christmas in August (August 31) we will have two special guests: Katherine Becker Mansouri and Kristine Becker Boike will present the Finish traditional Nyland (In Heavenly Love Abiding) during the Offering, and as prelude and postlude I will play parts of my Nutcracker arrangements from my new piano solo program.

The Worship and Picnic at Ritter Park will take place on the next Sunday (September 7). We will finally have an opportunity to use the new digital choir room piano and the dolly we purchased a while ago for an outside Service. Please pray for good weather!

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Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Summer has flown by but the warm weather still persists. Nonetheless, children, teachers and administrators are back to school. We shared in the Blessing of the Backpacks on August 17th during Children's time. We prayed for God's wisdom and guidance for the upcoming school year. Students received a Jesus lanyard for their backpacks and 2 mini Jesus figures to share the good news with someone who may need it. The students were excited to start their new school year.

The past couple of months have been filled with amazing moments of faith, fellowship, and fun. Our Christian Education team and several other adults and teens helped lead VBS "True North" with a team of adults from "Christ the King". VBS was held at Christ the King in Barboursville, WV. It was a wonderful way to bring together leaders, teachers, brothers and sisters in Christ and all the children of God. We shared in God's love and word, sang praises, crafted, played games, learned a little science and shared our God sightings. It was nice to get to know so many new friends. Together was better! Our churches worshipped together at Christ the King. It was a delight singing with their praise band and all the children singing songs they learned during the week. It was such a fun VBS. I am thankful God called us to work and share and serve together! I am grateful we listened to the call.

We had a few youth and adults attend a work day with others in our community with the organizational help of K-Love. We helped clean up the City Mission. Some picked up trash, some power washed the church, a few worked in the garden and a few cleaned the men's sleeping quarters. No matter the service, brothers and sisters came together to help other brothers and sisters in our community. It was humbling to meet and work alongside others and help in what needed to be completed. Together we made a difference. We worshipped with First United Methodist Church. It was a wonderful service filled with beautiful sounds of the two choirs joined as one and musical accompaniments. Together is better in the Kingdom of God. I am pretty sure Pastor Kevin said it in his sermon too. The Holy Spirit is evident in so many ways.

We will start September with our annual worship and picnic at Ritter Park. This is a great time for us to grow and serve. We will make Blessing bags after worship to help others in our community. September 14th will be our first day of Sunday School or Rally Day for the youth. September 17th will be our Welcome Back Kick off for CCC from 5:30-7:00pm. We will have pizza for dinner and a fun game night. Bring a game, a friend & a bag of chips or dessert to share. St. Paul Youth will be together again!

Dance, then, Wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said He
I will Lead you all, wherever you may be
I will Lead you all in the Dance said He
Your Loving Sister in Christ,
Jill



Photos from our combined worship service at First United Methodist Church. Photos submitted by Carolyn Becker.

DAILY Devotional



We will be starting a new Daily Devotional beginning September 1.

As we follow the lectionary, we will look at a different scripture reading each day (Monday-Thursday). On Friday we will use Luther's format for contemplating scripture: Instruction, Thanksgiving, Confession and Prayer.

If you are not already receiving the Daily Devotional by email please call the church office to be added to the list.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Laura Pemberton Baker. Laura passed away on July 16.

The family of Wilda Maynor. Wilda passed away on August 11



WE PRAY FOR...



*LaDonna, Helen,
Judi, Opal,
Francesca, Stephen,
Helen, April, Steve,
Elisha and Kenny*



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on September 10 at 10:00am. We will be discussing "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn. Please join us!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Isaiah Garnett
- 3 Betty Church; Pat Jones; Jan Kirby
- 6 Katie Bell
- 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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you know of someone who needs comfort. The shawls are made by members of St. Paul and are offered free of charge. Cards are available to give along with the shawls.



NOISY OFFERING

NOISY OFFERING FOR THE BACKPACK PROGRAM

First Sunday of each month.
So far this year we have collected \$347.

Happy Anniversary

26 Dan and Edie Beals



coffee & Fellowship

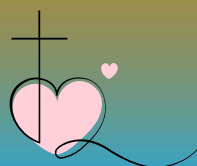


Sunday mornings at 11:15 in the parlor. Adult forum has been discontinued for the time being. Please join us for fellowship time.

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Join us for a luncheon on September 28 to welcome our newest members.



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	1 Office closed 	2 9:30am Quilting 	3	4 Noon Bible Study 	5	6
7 10:00am Worship and Picnic at Ritter Park 	8	9 9:30am Quilting 	10 10:00am Book Club 7:00pm Choir 	11 Noon Bible Study  6:00pm Scouts	12	13 10:00am Staff Meeting
14 10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School	15	16 9:30am Quilting 	17 5:30pm CCC 7:00pm Choir 	18 No Noon Bible Study Pastor at conference meeting	19	20 10:00am Confirmation meeting with families
21 10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am Church Council Meeting 1:30pm Pastor at Woodlands	22	23 9:30am Quilting 	24 7:00pm Choir 	25 Noon Bible Study  6:00pm Scouts	26	27
28 10:00am Worship 11:15am Luncheon to welcome new members 	29 1:00pm Woman's Club	30 9:30am Quilting 				



Please continue to bring in your used ink cartridges. We receive \$2.00 for each cartridge at Office Depot. You can leave them in the church office or give to Kathy.



WORSHIP HELPER SCHEDULE

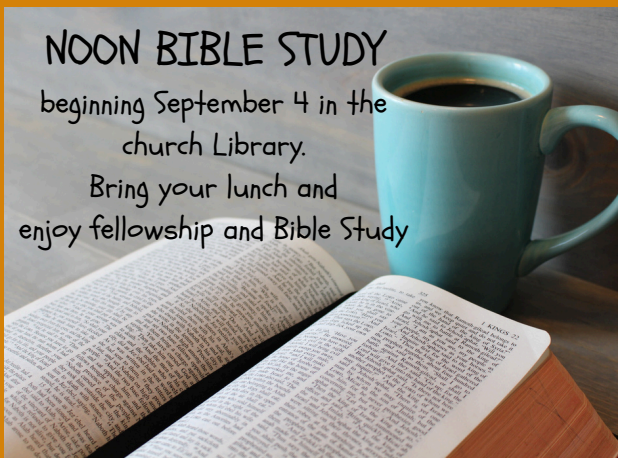
Altar Guild: Edie Beals and Julie Huron

DATE	READER	ASSISTING MIN.	COM. DEACON	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTE	USHERS	BREAD
Sept. 7	Emma Arneson	Keith Wellman	Cheryl Konzett		Kennady Kist		
Sept. 14	Mary Lou Pratt	Steve Golder	Cheryl Konzett	Daniel Kist	Jaylyn Garnett	KV Chin	
sept. 21	Linda Schneider	Linda Schneider	Emma Arneson	Daniel Kist	Willow May	KV Chin	
Sept. 28	Barbara Garnett	Keith Wellman	Creigh Pemberton	Daniel Kist	Jackson Wellman	KV Chin	

NOON BIBLE STUDY

beginning September 4 in the church Library.

Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship and Bible Study



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FOOD AND CLOTHING PANTRY

For the month of September we will be collecting cans of **tomato soup**.

There are donation containers in the narthex and in the downstairs hallway.

Thank you ♥

Dear Church Family,

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to each of you for your incredible support during this difficult time. Your kindness in providing meals, your heartfelt prayers and the comfort you've given have been a tremendous blessing to our family. We are truly grateful for your love and support. With heartfelt thanks, The Pemberton Family

We would like to thank all of our St. Paul family for the cards, texts, calls and especially the prayers when Kathy's brother passed away. Your kindness is overwhelmingly appreciated. A special thank you to Linda Schneider for helping out in the office and to Dan Beals for all his help and support. We could not ask for a better church family!

Pastor Kevin, Kathy and Alex Mackey



SCHOOL HAS STARTED!

Your donations will help provide weekend meals for students at Southside Elementary School.

Backpack items are an ongoing need throughout the school year. We provide 25 backpacks filled with food each week! If you can help by donating any of the items listed, please leave them in the containers in the narthex or bring to the office. Monetary donations are also welcome.

All items need to be individual sizes and not contain peanuts.

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| Fruit cups | applesauce |
| mac and cheese | Beef-a-Roni |
| beef sticks | cereal |
| pop tarts | fruit snacks |
| drink boxes | shelf stable milk |
| tuna salad/cracker combos | chicken salad/crackers combo |

Here is the pineapple casserole recipe that many of you asked us to share. The recipe originally came from one of my mother's best friends back in the 1960s. It is a bread pudding of sorts! (Norma Gensler)



RECIPE

- > Pineapple Casserole
- > 1 cup sugar
- > 4 fresh eggs
- > 1 stick butter
- > 1 can crushed pineapple (thoroughly drained)
- > 5 slices of bread (I use Hawaiian bread from Kroger) cut into 1" cubes
- > Cream sugar, eggs, and butter. Add drained pineapple and then fold in the bread
- > Bake in a greased casserole @350 for about an hour. It will smell delicious and be browned on the top crust.
- > This recipe doubles and triples easily! A double recipe fits into a 9 x 12 sheet cake pan. Enjoy!

"The St. Paul Quilters thank all those who helped in any way with the set up and/or clean up for the Pemberton dinner. Many of you pitched in to help, and we certainly appreciate it. Hopefully, our next church meal will be soon where we can celebrate Autumn!"



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