

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
22163 Sumac Road
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*Saving a seat for you and your family.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

May 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 or 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

May Celebrations....

Caleb & Rashelle Wohlers- 5/4/13

Harper Pruet- 5/12

Brinley Jenson- 5/12

Will Wohlers- 5/15

I am putting together the directory. I will have a rough draft to approve soon. If you did not get your picture taken during the lenten season you can still be included. Just have a neighbor snap a shot and send it to me via email or text. stpsecretary3123@gmail.com 712-310-1834



Upcoming Sunday's

May 1; Third Sunday of Easter *communion* Reader: Steve Andersen

Acts 9:1-22, Psalm 30:1-12, Revelation 5:1-14, John 21:1-19

May 8; Fourth Sunday of Easter Reader: Rashelle Wohlers

Acts 20:17-35, Psalm 23:1-6, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

May 15; Fifth Sunday of Easter *communion* Reader: Julie Jenson

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148: 1-14, Revelation 21:1-7, John 16:12-22

May 22; Sixth Sunday of Easter Reader: Terri Andersen

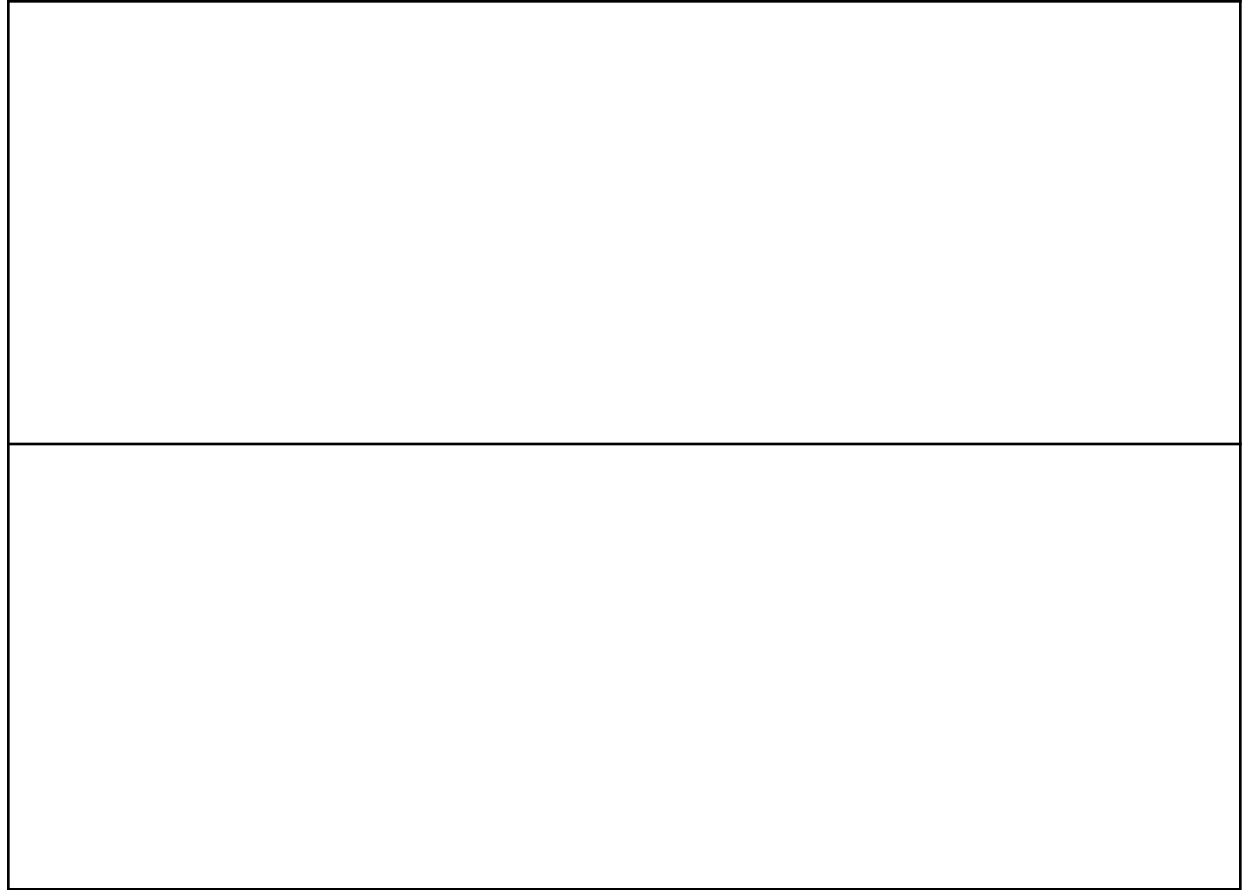
Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67:1-7, Revelation 21: 9-14, 21-27, John 16:23-33

May 29; Seventh Sunday of Easter Reader: Monte Bracker

Acts 1:12-26, Psalm 133:1-3, Revelation 22:1-20, John 17:20-26

June 5; Pentecost *communion* Reader: Bruce Bracker

Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 143:1-12, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31



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

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The council was approached by the City of Neola to help with another portion of their park beautification plan. They decided to build a pergola (shade structure) and plant some perennials. The pergola has been built and it looks amazing. Thank you to the skillful volunteers who put that up. The flowers will be planted next to the structure soon. We ordered

all the plants from Sherbondy's Garden Center and they donated a portion of them to this project. As always, the plants from them are amazing and we love to work with them to meet our plant needs!

Pastor's Page

May 2022

People often want to decide things without examining all the information surrounding that decision carefully. So as not to place the blame in someone else's corner and make it appear as if I'm not subject to the same frailty, I have to make it personal. Anybody caring to join me can read along – with feeling:

I often want to decide things without examining all the information surrounding that decision carefully.

There, how does that feel? The fault is mine when I fail to be sensitive to History (How did I do it last time I faced this decision? Am I really thinking through this or just repeating myself – even though I might have made a mistake?)

The fault is mine when I fail to be sensitive to who I really am. (I am a child of God! Does my decision reflect Jesus who creates and redeems me out of love and for his glory. Am I behaving in a way that is consistent with my eternal identity?)

The fault is mine when I decide for myself what is right and what is wrong. (Our time is a lot like that at the conclusion of the book of Judges: “In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” We say and sing that Jesus is Lord. Does his word and will speak clearly to me and do I live in harmony with it?)

The fault is mine when I fail to consider the consequences of my words or actions. (I know that I and other people will be affected by what I do and don't do. I can't know all of the effects of my behavior but I do know those I have already caused and experienced and may modify them in hopes of a better outcome.)

At St. Paul's we are moving forward. And we believe that God is raising up someone who will serve as pastor and bring blessings for many years to our community. In the meantime grieve the things that are gone and are going that we will certainly miss even when we appreciated them. Then build a vision and a future that is consistent with that

vision. Take small steps but always in the right direction. Worship is our current point of contact. Be sure to be part of the worshiping community now so that we all may participate in the fruitful future that God has in mind as He, in His love and faithfulness, keeps raising us from the dead. Not resilient – but redeemed and resurrected.

Jesus our King says, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life! No one comes to the Father except through me!” Awesome brothers and sisters. Let’s follow in faith where he leads us.

See you at worship this week!

Pot luck dinners are something that everyone looks forward to. There is always plenty and it is always good. So many things change with the times, but something that will always remain is a good meal with a sweet treat. Please send me your favorite recipes so that others can enjoy them.

Recipe Share

Peanut Butter Bars (9x12 pan)

by Harriette Andersen

½ C butter

½ C white sugar

½ C brown sugar

*cream together in order given

1 egg

⅓ C peanut butter

1 tsp vanilla

½ tsp baking soda

¼ tsp salt

1 C flour

1C oatmeal

*Spread in 9x12 pan bake for 20-25 min at 350

*While hot put 1 C of chocolate chips or butterscotch chips over top and let melt.

*Then mix and drizzle over choc. 1 C powdered sugar, ¼ C peanut butter, and 2-4 teaspoon milk