

This Week - January 30-February 5

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| Monday | 2pm After-School Bible Study 6pm Evening Bible Study 6pm Bible Information Class 6:30pm Worship 7pm Men's Bible Study 7pm Dartball |
| Tuesday | 9:15am MUMS 11am and 6pm Bible Class 6pm Women's Bible Class |
| Wednesday | 11am Small Group Bible Class 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Wednesday School 7pm Mixed Choir |
| Friday | 9:30am Bulletin Assembly |
| Saturday | 10am Jesus Cares 6pm Worship and Communion |
| Sunday | 8am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11am Worship and Communion 9:30am Bible Classes and Sunday School 11:30am Amazing Race |

God's Blessings at St. Paul's Last Week

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| Attendance: 794 | Online: 225 | | |
| Offerings: | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>WELS/Missions</u> | <u>MVL</u> |
| (Budg/ Actual) | \$25,000/ \$20,778 | \$1,936/\$1,436 | \$1,629/\$1,218 |
| Cap. Impr. | <u>School Project</u> | <u>Other</u> | Total: |
| \$473 | \$2,205 | \$300 | \$26,410 |

Memorials: June Milbrett - \$25 to St. Paul's School from Helen Runck; Lorraine Boesch - \$25 to General Fund from Irma McLean; Gary Watchke - \$30 to School Impr. Fund from Margaret Oswald

Worship & Contact Info

Message: Pastor Scott Oelhafen **Liturgy:** Staff Minister Mr. Kuschel
Organist: Steve Biedenbender **Website:** splnewulm.org
Worship Times: Sat. - 6pm; Sun. - 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. - 6:30pm
Church - 201 N State St **School - 126 S Payne**
(507) 354-3641 **(507) 354-2329**
church@splnewulm.org **school@splnewulm.org**



Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

January 28-30, 2023

Welcome to Members and Guests

The service is projected on the front screen or you can follow along in the blue Christian Worship hymnal, found in the pew racks. **Listening devices** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance. A live recording of the sermon is posted on our website. Local cable channels broadcast services on Wednesdays at 10 am and 7 pm. We welcome parents with small children! There is a **nursery room** located on the north end of the Parish Center across from the offices, and a **quiet room** for infants located in the back of church. **Restrooms with changing tables** are located near the information desk (hallway) and across from the nursery and kitchen.

Please **join us for coffee, treats and fellowship** between services. Check out the **information desk**, located in the hallway beyond the fellowship area, for more info about St. Paul's Church and School as well as opportunities to connect. If you are interested in learning more about the Bible or becoming a member, please contact Pastor Scharf. **Bible Classes** are at 9:30 AM. The **Library** is located across from the offices. Ushers are happy to point you in the right direction.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord of all creation, maker of heaven and earth, how merciful you are to your undeserving children. In your grace you have given us all that we need for life in this world and in the life to come. Encourage us through your Word to sacrifice for the sake of others who are yet to be brought to faith. Fill us with a love for you and for each other. Amen.

Next Week's Word of God

Readings: Matthew 5:13-20; **Sermon:** 1 Corinthians 6:9-20
Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness - CW 573
Email Devotions: 1 Corinthians 7:3-9

News and Notes

The Church Email is church@splnewulm.org. Please discontinue using stpaulsnu@gmail.com as that account is no longer checked.

The Church Council met on January 24. We reviewed our 90-day rocks and set new ones for the next quarter. We also reviewed the board member terms that are ending this year and received updates from the Assimilation Team and in our search for a new Council President for the next fiscal year. The Board of Child Discipleship shared findings from their ad-hoc committees. The council called a voter's meeting for Sunday, February 12 at 12:15 to let our congregation know about the changes at school.

St. Paul's Voter's Meeting - St. Paul's School has been blessed. We have a large student body and increasing needs. The voters of St. Paul's Church will consider a comprehensive plan for the coming school year that includes a recommendation to extend a one-year call for the lower grades and a preview of tuition rates. We encourage you to attend on February 12 at 12:15 pm in the fellowship hall. We hope to communicate not just what the plans are but provide some reasoning behind the plans before the voting. Through this all, we remember that God's will be done, and pray for his continued guidance and blessings.

St. Paul's Connect Groups Launched - This is a new, small, social group Bible study based on the weekend St. Paul's sermon. This four-week study is organized by the St. Paul's A-Team (Assimilation Team) with the extra emphasis of connecting newer members with established members. Organized primarily by demographic: 20s-30s-40s-50+, these groups meet in member homes for a one-hour study. Five PREVIEW groups launched last week to help train future leaders for when this ministry is offered to all members at the end of April, September, and next January. Contact coordinator Pastor Oelhafen (262)442-8568 with questions.

Thrivent Choice - Reminder to designate your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars to St Paul's Church or School. Thrivent members with eligible contracts, such as qualifying insurance and annuity products, earn choice dollars. Designate online or by contacting your representative by March 31. Your selection is appreciated and supports the mission of creating and nurturing disciples of Jesus.

Bible Class on January 29 will take place in the fellowship hall at 9:30am. Staff Minister Tom Benzing will lead on Revelation part 3. Bible Basics topic will be The Baptism of Jesus.

Joint WELS New Ulm Churches Meetings - Leaders at St. Paul's and St. John's have met multiple times over the past few months to come to a shared understanding and agreement for financial reporting for St. Paul's Lutheran School. The St. Paul's reps are President Greg Peterson, Principal Pete Markgraf, BOCD Chairman Bob Martens, Board of Finance Chairman Jarod Larsen, Staff Minister Tom Benzing & Pastor Scott Oelhafen. Join us as we ask Jesus to bless these meetings and efforts as they continue.

Directory goes to print soon! As in the previous photo directory, we'll print a list of all names, addresses, and phone numbers of St. Paul's member families/singles in the back section. Please respond to church@splnewulm.org by **January 29** If you don't want your contact info included. Those photographed will receive a free printed copy and smaller copies will be placed in the pews.

Amazing Race - It's not too late to register your team for the Amazing Race! Due date is January 31 so don't delay! Find all the details and register your team at bit.ly/amazingrace23. Not racing? Everyone can take part in events at school on February 5. Taco in a bag lunch from 11:30-1:00, cupcakes, lightning basketball games and bean bags are all on the agenda. The online silent auction goes live on January 30 and closes on February 5, at noon. You can access it here: virtualauction.bid/amazingrace2023. Contact Amy Rich at stampinnut@me.com with your questions.

St. Paul's Hiring for a Part-Time Cleaning Position - Hours are weekdays from 10-3, but may be flexible. The primary responsibility is cleaning the preschool area in the middle of the day as teachers prepare for afternoon sessions. If interested, please contact the church or school office to receive a job description and to pick up an application. Church (507)354-3641 or School (507)354-2329.

Marriage Seminars will be held February 10-12 and March 31-April 2. Engaged and married couples are invited! Contact Staff Minister Kuschel for more information (kkuschel@splnewulm.org).

Keep in your Prayers...Hattie Marie Schlottman, born to Kati and Mike Schlottman...**Darci Marzinske** who will undergo significant knee surgery this coming week....all those who received calls.