



**ST PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

May 6-8, 2023

Website: splnewulm.org

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 10am and 7pm. 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 9:30am. The **Library** is located across from the offices. Ushers are happy to point you in the right direction.

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, out of love for us you have called us to be your children and to come together to form your church. Together we now encourage and support each other as we carry out the ministry you have laid before us. Bless our worship today and bless our confirmands all of their days. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Next Week's Word of God

Readings: Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-22

Sermon: John 14:15-21

Hymn of the Day: 590 - O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Email Devotions: 1 Corinthians 12:4-8

This Week – May 8-14

Monday	2pm After-School Bible Study 6pm Time of Discovery 6pm Bible Information Class 6:30pm Worship with Communion 7pm Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	9:15am MUMS 11am & 6pm Bible Class 6pm Mentoring Group 7pm Women's Bible Class
Wednesday	7:15pm Mixed Choir
Friday	9:30am Bulletin Assembly
Saturday	6pm Worship
Sunday	8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship with Communion 9:30am Bible Classes, Time of Discovery 9:30am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study 11am Worship

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

Attendance: 4/29-5/1: *In-Person:* 730 *Online:* 196

Gift: Randy & Nancy Melzer: 50th Anniversary - \$50 General Fund

Offerings:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/Actual)	\$27,057/\$14,383	\$1,994/\$1,175	\$1,678/\$1,881
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	Total:
	\$836	\$3,284	\$215\$21,776



Support St. Paul's Church & School by giving your offerings in the baskets at the entries or by giving online at splnewulm.org. Click "GIVE" or scan the QR code on your phone.

Worship & Contact Info

Message: Pastor Tim Smith Liturgy: Pastor Nate Scharf

Organist: Steve Biedenbender Contemporary: Diane Woods

Worship Times: Sat. - 6pm; Sun. - 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. - 6:30pm

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News and Notes

Thank You Mrs. Carlotta Ohm – After 19 years of service as our Handbell Director, Carlotta Ohm is retiring. We thank her for her dedication to beautifying our services and organizing the handbell crew each year. We wish her and her husband a wonderful retirement. God's blessing and our very heartfelt thank you!

Online Directory Information – Please add any contact information to the online directory that you would like visible to other members. Go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com.

Women's Bible Class – Join us for *12 Seeds for Successful Relationships* on Tuesdays at 7pm in the basement across from the choir room.

Bible Information Class is held on Mondays from 6-7pm. Childcare provided. This class gives an overview of what we teach in our church and school. It can also be a path to membership if so desired. Email Pastor Scharf at nscharf@splnewulm.org with any questions.

Acts Commentaries - Please stop by the church office to purchase a set of Pastor Smith's commentary on the book of Acts.

Camp South is a mini-youth rally in Georgia. Activities include tough mudder, zip line, inflatables, competitions, worship and Bible study. Those going into 8th-9th grade are welcome to attend. Our group will depart on Sunday, July 23, and return Saturday, July 29. If interested, please sign up at tinyurl.com/CampSouth. Contact Pastor Scharf with any questions.

MVL Drama Presents *The Music Man* at State Street Theater on May 6 at 7pm, and May 7 at 2pm. Tickets are available at the door.

Connection Cards – We kindly ask all worshipers, including St. Paul's members and guests, to sign our pew Connection Cards. Either leave them at the end of the church pew or drop them in the offering boxes by the doors as you leave the sanctuary.

Summer Co-ed Softball: St. Paul's is seeking interested individuals to form a second St. Paul's co-ed slowpitch softball team. Players must be at least 12 years old. The goal of these games is to be a family-friendly activity, with a focus on sportsmanship. If you are interested in playing or know someone who might be, please contact Kirk Schauland by filling out the form at bit.ly/splsoftball.

Camp Shetek will be held June 18-23 at Sibley State Park, New London, MN. Please register online at campshetek.org.

Spring Connect Groups Launched – Our social, small group Bible studies have launched with 95+ participants in 8 different groups. Groups meet for an hour in member homes, participants connect with God's Word and each other. Click splnewulm.org/connect-groups/ or call Melissa Nehls (920) 539-1242 to sign up. The next session begins in September.

Straying Work Continues – What blessings to see so many in worship each week at St. Paul's! But, what about St. Paul members we haven't seen in many weeks/months? We love them too! Our Board of Elders and pastors have been personally reaching out to them with phone calls, letters, emails, and personal visits to welcome them back. God is blessing this work! But, we need your help! Have you noticed a friend/family member who has been gone from worship? Take a moment this week to pray for them and personally invite them back to worship. Speak with the ministry staff if you need any support.

MVL Building on the Rock - Join us for the Groundbreaking Ceremony scheduled for May 21 at 3pm. Construction for the project will start in mid-June. Work is expected to be completed in a year. Further information on giving a gift, attending the ceremony, or livestreaming the progress of the building can be found on the school website, mvl.org or by calling Mission Advancement Director, Mr. Jim Buboltz, at (507) 354-6851.

Hymnal update – May will bring back Service Setting 3. We will continue to have cantors to lead the congregation. Thank you to all our volunteers who have been helping us in worship. As we continue to offer this support, we are in need of cantors through the summer. If you would like to serve in this way please contact Judy Martens at judylmartens@gmail.com or talk with her any time.

Martin Luther College is looking for a number of positions. Apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Keep in your Prayers...

Steve Biedenbender is deliberating a call to Zion in Morrison, WI.
Randy & Nancy Melzer - Thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage.