

This Week – May 15-21

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| Monday | 2pm After-School Bible Study 6pm Bible Information Class 6:30pm Worship with Communion 6:30 & 7pm Connect Groups: 30s & 40s & 50s+ 7pm Men's Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 9:15am MUMS 11am & 6pm Bible Class 6pm Mentoring Group 7pm Women's Bible Class 7:15pm Connect Group: Week 3 – 20s |
| Wednesday | 6:30pm Connect Groups: 40s & 50s+ 7:15pm Mixed Choir |
| Thursday | 6:30pm Ascension Worship |
| Friday | 9:30am Bulletin Assembly |
| Saturday | 6pm Worship 6pm Connect Group: 50s+ |
| Sunday | 8 & 11am Worship 9:30am Contemp. Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Bible Classes, Time of Discovery 9:30am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study 6pm Connect Group: 50s+ |

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

Attendance: 4/29-5/1: *In-Person:* 1,091 *Online:* 239

Memorials: James Gerasch - \$800 School Building,
Lyle Royer - \$35 School Building

Gift: Irma McLean: 90th Birthday - \$90 MLC Student Assistance

| <u>Offerings:</u> | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>WELS/Missions</u> | <u>MVL</u> |
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| (Budg/Actual) | \$27,057/\$20,004 | \$1,994/\$1,909 | \$1,678/\$1,722 |
| <u>Cap. Impr.</u> | <u>School Project</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Total:</u> |
| \$652 | \$19,391 | \$55 | \$43,735 |



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 Scott Oelhafen **Liturgy:** SM Tom Benzing
Organist: Beth Wiechman **Contemporary:** Michael Johnson
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.

May 13-15, 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, we thank you today for the gift of motherhood and the blessings we receive from you through our mothers. Encourage mothers to grow in your Word and to continue to love and care for their families as you love and care for your church. Help us to show them honor and respect. Bless them today and always. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Next Week's Word of God

Reading: John 17:1-11a

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 10:25-31

Hymn of the Day: 740 - O God, My Faithful God

Email Devotions: 1 Corinthians 12:9-13

News and Notes

Bible Study on Judges begins Tuesday, May 16. Pastor Smith will be using his own translation of the book. Classes are at 11am and 6pm every Tuesday in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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 slow-pitch 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.

MVL Building on the Rock – Join us for the Groundbreaking Ceremony scheduled for May 21 at 3pm. Further information can be found on the school website, mvl.org, or by calling Mission Advancement Director, Mr. Jim Buboltz, at (507) 354-6851.

Ascension Worship Service on Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 pm. Please join us for this festival service.

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.

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

Graduation Cards are now available to purchase from the card rack in the hall. A box of 12 for \$9 or individual cards for \$1 each.

Paraprofessional Search – We are looking to replace two paraprofessional positions this fall. If you have credentials and the desire to work with our teachers and students, please, consider applying for one of these positions. This is a daily, 7:30am–3:30pm position following the school calendar with a few exceptions. We are offering these positions on one-year contracts. Pick up an application and job description at St. Paul's Church or School.

Information Desk will be staffed by Communication Coordinator Laura Martens between Sunday services to help answer questions, guide you to sign-ups, and hand out church directories. Stop by!

Keep in your Prayers...

Steve Biedenbender returned his call to Morrison, WI.

Irma McLean celebrating her 90th birthday.