

This Week – July 31st - August 6th

Monday.....	6:30pm Worship 7pm Men's Bible Study 7:30pm Pre-Marriage/Marriage class
Tuesday.....	11am/6pm Bible Class 6:00pm Bible Information Class 7:00pm Womens Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00pm Time of Discovery
Thursday.....	4-7pm St. Paul's School Kickoff
Friday.....	9:30am Bulletin Assembly 6pm Worship
Saturday.....	8am Worship
Sunday.....	9:30am & 11am Worship 9:30am Bible Classes *Communion in all services

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

Attendance: 7/22-7/24: *In-Person:* 673 *Online:* 174

Offerings:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/ Actual)	\$27,326/\$23,229	\$2,053/\$2,207	\$1,729/\$2,270
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total:</u>
\$708	\$4,928	\$700	\$34,043

Memorials

For **Leora Johns** Church & School Fund
For **Jeanne Albrecht**..... Church, MVL & School Building Fund



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:** Pastor Tim Smith

Organist: Kate Carlovsky **Contemporary:**

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

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Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

July 29th - August 3rd, 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

Lord, so many things create "static" in our lives... Distractions, temptations, wounds and worries. This week may we seek you and find your signal breaks through the static, coming in loud and clear. Help us recognize how our own sin causes us to miss the mark, but with you and in you we walk in forgiveness, grace, and freedom. May we trust you, submit to your sovereignty, and abide in your love. Amen.

Next Week's Word of God

Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-10, Matthew 14: 13-21

Sermon: Job 38: 36-41

Hymn of the Day: 811 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Email Devotions: Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die.

News and Notes

Bible Basics Class- Sunday mornings at 9:30 there is a Bible Basics Class held in the library. We will be studying how God preserves his creation. Please join us and bring a friend!

Bible Study on Judges at 11am and 6pm every Tuesday in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome.

Pre-Marriage Course and Marriage Enrichment Class- This Monday at 7:30pm in the St. Paul's Fellowship Hall we are hosting our Pre-Marriage/Marriage Enrichment Class. Please email Pastor Scharf at nscharf@splnewulm.org if you have interest in coming.

Bible Information Class is Tuesday July 17th from 6-7pm. 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.

Time of Discovery -Discover the Biblical Foundations of God's power working in you as His child, giving you qualities that make you unique in His kingdom. Explore your God-given spiritual gifts, skills/abilities, personality, life experiences and social passions that are all part of God's unique plan to equip you to fulfill His purpose for your life in this world. With this understanding, you'll be able to apply these blessings to enhance your many life decisions. Six-week study in the Fireside Room.

Connection Cards – Please fill out a Connection Card. Leave them at the end of the pew or in the offering boxes by the doors.

Call Received -- Please keep our **Staff Minister Tom Benzing** and his wife Chris in your prayers as he has received a call to serve as Staff Minister at Mount Calvary in Redding CA. Please keep **Pastor Nate Scharf** and his wife Hannah in your prayers as he has received a call to serve as Dean of Students at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, MI.

Devotional Series- A new devotional series, written by St. Paul's member Ron Wels, has been published. His book What Really Matters will be available at the information desk and the church office for \$10.

St. Paul School- During the 2022-2023 school year, St. Paul's School received \$654.25 from reward and label programs that

we participate in. The money gets deposited in our School Reserve Fund.

We currently collect Hy-Vee UPC labels, Country Hearth, Village Hearth, Artisan Hearth Bread labels, and Fiber Up product labels. We encourage families to save the labels and bring them to school or to church. Deposit the labels in the appropriately marked receptacles. We also participate in online programs for BoxTops, Cash Wise Rewards, and Casey's Rewards. Just log onto their websites, sign up, and start saving for St. Paul's School!

Paraprofessional Search- St. Paul's School is still looking to fill one paraprofessional position in grades 7-8 for the upcoming school year. Please contact the church office or school for more information.

St. Paul's Special Budget Request-Last month we heard about our St. Paul's 2022-2023 ministry plan deficit. Our Board of Finance determined that our deficit was reduced to \$48,156 at the end of the fiscal year. We are thankful for God's generous people. Since our reserve funds have been depleted, the Board asks every St. Paul's member to prayerfully consider a special offering, in addition to our regular offerings. One Board member pointed out that 200 members giving an additional @\$250 will erase this deficit. Thank you for prayerfully considering this request. ...*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35).

Hosts Needed for Connect Groups- The NEW four week Fall session of St. Paul's Connect Groups will be launching September 25-30th. These are the social, small-group Bible classes that meet primarily in member homes, based on age-demographics. If you'd like to serve as a new host, please contact Pastor Oelhafen THIS WEEK 262-442-8568. Join the fun. For more info, see <https://splnewulm.org/connect-groups/>

St. John's Vacation Bible School- Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be Tuesday, August 15 - Thursday, August 17 from 9 - 11:30 am for grades PreK4 - 6th Grade. This event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. bit.ly/SJvbs2023

Keep in your Prayers...

Baptism of **Kollin Selbrade** that took place July 29, 6:00pm service