

**This Week – August 7<sup>th</sup> - August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Monday.....	6:30pm Worship 7pm Men’s Bible Study 7:30pm Marriage class
Tuesday.....	11am/6pm Bible Class 5:00pm Board of Child Discipleship 6:00pm Mentoring Meeting 6:00pm Bible Information Class 6:00pm A Team Meeting 6:15 Board of Outreach 7:00pm Womens Bible Study
Wednesday .....	6:00pm Time of Discovery 6:00pm Confirmation Meeting
Thursday.....	8:30am Board of Properties 6:30pm AdHoc Site Plan Committee
Friday.....	9:30am Bulletin Assembly
Saturday.....	6:00pm Contemporary Worship 7:15pm Confirmation Meeting
Sunday.....	8am Worship 9:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Bible Classes 11am Contemporary Worship

**God’s Blessings at St. Paul’s Last Week**

**Attendance:** 7/29-7/31: *In-Person:* 756 *Online:* 23

<b>Offerings:</b>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/ Actual)	\$27,326/\$25,539	\$2,053/\$2,332	\$1,729/\$1,143
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	<b>Total:</b>
\$1,385	\$4,054	\$700	<b>\$35,154</b>

**Memorials** For **Larry Czer** .....School Fund - For **Ken & Kaen Schaefer** 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.....Church Deficit



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

**Worship & Contact Info**

**Message:** Pastor Tim Smith **Liturgy:** Staff Minister Kris Kuschel  
**Organist:** Hannah Scharf **Contemporary:** Zach Scharlemann  
**Times:** Sat. - 6pm; Sun. - 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. - 6:30pm  
**Church** - 201 N State St **School** - 126 S Payne  
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**Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.**

**August 5<sup>th</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Website:** [splnewulm.org](http://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, as we look around us, you have once again shown us all your blessings. We know that you have provided much more than just our daily needs. We thank you for so generously giving us your Son, our Lord. Through him you have showered us with the blessings of forgiveness, a purpose in life, and eternal life in paradise – no strings attached. For all these blessings, may we truly be thankful, dear Lord. Amen.

**Next Week’s Word of God**

**Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9-18, Romans 8:28-39

**Sermon:** Matthew 14:22-33

**Hymn of the Day:** 847 Be Still My Soul

**Email Devotions:** Bad company corrupts good character.

## 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.

**Bible Information Class** is Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Call News- Pastor Nate Scharf** has received a call to serve as Dean of Students at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, MI. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as well as MLS and St. Paul's. **Staff Minister Tom Benzing** continues to deliberate his call to serve as Staff Minister at Mount Calvary in Redding CA.

Welcome **Jody Hunstad** as our new Handbell Director at St Paul's. Jody is a life-long member who has participated in various music opportunities through the years, including handbells. She has been getting ready for the year ahead and making plans. God bless you as you take on this new role. We are in need of 2-3 more participants and substitutes. If you would like more information about participating in the handbell choir, please reach out to Jody at 507-766-2046 or the church office.

**WELS Convention This Past Week-**Did you know our WELS meets in convention every two years? This week, delegates from across the country gathered at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan to hear reports of God's blessings to our WELS and vote on a budget to share Christ across the country and world under the theme: "Embrace the Cross: Anticipate the Crown". This year, St. Paul's was formally represented by Steve Biedenbender and Michael Plocher attended as teacher delegates and Board of Elder Chairman David Luepke representing St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Family Bible Nights** -Thank you to everyone who attended this year. Thank you also to those who volunteered their time to make this event a success. What a blessing to praise our big, strong, and mighty God together!

**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 25-30<sup>th</sup>. 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/>

**Assistant head cook needed at St Paul's School.** If you enjoy children and making sure they're fed this is the job for you. Job duties include but are not limited to preparing & serving lunch and clean up. If interested, please pick up an application at St Paul's school or church office. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jenny at cook@splnewulm.org

**After Preschool Care-** Do you know of anyone who enjoys working with 3, 4 & 5 year olds? St. Paul's Preschool is looking for After Preschool Care (APC) workers for during the school year. Please contact Heidi Meyer at hmeyer@splnewulm.org. APC workers need to be 18 years old or older.

**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!

**Keep in your Prayers...** **Noah Bollingmo** motorcycle accident, **Richard and Lynnda Weilage** car accident- Thank you for sparing their lives and for good medical care. Bless their recovery. Thanksgiving to **Ken & Karen Schaefer** for 53 years of marriage