

**This Week — August 14<sup>th</sup> - August 20<sup>th</sup>**


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| Monday.....     | 11:30am Board of Family & Youth<br>5:30pm Confirmation Meeting<br>6:30pm Worship<br>7pm Men's Bible Study<br>7:30pm Marriage class  |
| Tuesday.....    | 11am/6pm Bible Class<br>5:00pm Board of Child Discipleship<br>6:00pm Mentoring Meeting<br>6:00pm Bible Information Class<br>6:15 Board of Outreach<br>7:00pm Womens Bible Study<br>7:00pm Board of Outreach |
| Wednesday ..... | 6:00pm Time of Discovery  |
| Thursday.....   | 6:00pm Board of Gifts and Talents<br>7:00pm Board of Elders Meeting   |
| Friday.....     | 9:30am Bulletin Assembly  |
| Saturday.....   | 6:00pm Worship*   |
| Sunday.....     | 8am, 9:30am, & 11:00am Worship*<br>9:30am Bible Classes<br>*Communion Services  |

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

**Attendance: 7/29-7/31: In-Person: 676 Online: 164**

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| <b>Offerings:</b> | <u>General Fund</u>   | <u>WELS/Missions</u> | <u>MVL</u>      |
| (Budg/Actual)     | \$27,326/\$52,180     | \$2,053/\$2,142      |                 |
|                   | \$1,729/\$2,161       |                      |                 |
| <u>Cap. Impr.</u> | <u>School Project</u> | <u>Other</u>         | <b>Total:</b>   |
| \$408             | \$3,904               | \$375                | <b>\$61,170</b> |

**Memorials, Gifts, Thank Offerings:**

**Myron & TJ Fluegge** ..... School Fund  
 Paul's Church & School by giving your offerings in the the entries or by giving online at splnewulm.org. Click or scan the QR code on your phone.

**Worship & Contact Info**

**Message:** Pastor Nate Scharf    **Liturgy:** Staff Minister Tom Benzing  
**Organist:** Steve Biedenbender        **Contemporary:** Diane Woods  
**Times:** Sat. – 6pm; Sun. – 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. – 6:30pm  
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**Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.**

**August 12<sup>th</sup> – August 14<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**

Oh God, you have called me to be your own and to live in the grace of your kindness now and forever. Give me faith to appreciate it and live with confidence as your dear child. When you act in my life for my good, remind my doubting heart that you are not interrupting something more important but improving what I wouldn't be able to improve by myself. Amen.

**Next Week's Word of God**

Reading: Ephesians 2:13-22

Sermon: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Hymn of the Day: 855 The Church's One Foundation

Email Devotions: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed...

## 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](mailto: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.

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

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.

**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 the deficit is currently at \$44,616. 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. To ensure your additional offering is applied specifically to this deficit, please mark on your envelope DEFICIT OFFERING. Thank you for prayerfully considering this request. *...It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).*

**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](mailto:hmeyer@splnewulm.org). APC workers need to be 18 years old or older.

**SPLaT-**will meet on August 19 from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Paul's Church. Join us for some Nerf blaster games! Bring a snack to share and a blaster if you have one, or some will be provided. All teens going into 7th grade or older are welcome.

Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 **OWLS** (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be holding its annual picnic on Monday, late afternoon, August 14. It will be held at the home of Gerald and Geri Steffen, 1415 N Minnesota Street, New Ulm. You may come any time after 4:00 PM to socialize, with a devotion at about 4:50 PM, and a meal to follow. Geri is preparing the meal of hamburgers, brats, potato salad, and all the fixings. If you have not indicated your attendance already, you need to contact Myron Fluegge immediately at 507-359-2424 or email at [flueggemtj@hotmail.com](mailto:flueggemtj@hotmail.com).

**Assistant head cook-** needed at St Paul's Lutheran School. 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 me at [cook@splnewulm.org](mailto:cook@splnewulm.org).

**Join us for Summer Send-off-** on Sept 9th from 5:00-7:00 pm! John and Paul Ministries will say goodbye to summer with complimentary food, bounce houses, games, outdoor worship, and the best seats on the school grounds for the HermannFest fireworks! See you then and bring a friend! Many helpful hands and friendly faces are needed to run an outreach event! Please sign up at [johnandpaulministries.com](http://johnandpaulministries.com) to volunteer! Questions? Contact Beth Scharf at [scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu).

**Keep in your Prayers...** Baptism of **Autumn Sullivan** that took place on August 13, 11am service. Thanksgiving to **Myron & TJ Fluegge** for 56 years of marriage. **Noah Bollingmo** motorcycle accident, **Richard & Lynna Weilage** car accident, and **Pat Bartels** recent heart procedure. Bless their recovery.