

This Week – August 21st - August 27th

Monday.....	6:30pm Worship and communion
Tuesday.....	11am/6pm Bible Class 6:00pm Bible Information Class 6:30pm Church Council 7:00pm Womens Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 Time of Discovery
Thursday.....	
Friday.....	9:30am Bulletin Assembly
Saturday.....	6:00pm Contemporary Worship
Sunday.....	8am & 9:30am Worship 9:30am Bible Classes 11am Contemporary Worship

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

Attendance: 8/12-8/14: *In-Person: 753 Online: 181*

Offerings:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/ Actual)	\$27,326/\$24,938	\$2,053/\$1,547	\$1,729/\$1,308
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	Total:
\$497	\$12,484	\$200	\$40,976

Memorials, Gifts, Thank Offerings:



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: Judy Martens	Contemporary:
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 19th – August 21st, 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

Your Word, O God, is truth. Through the Spirit it leads us to righteousness through Christ. Help us to always treasure your Word and its blessings. Encourage us to read and study our Bibles in order to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Keep us ever faithful to your Word. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Next Week’s Word of God

Reading: Exodus 34:5-9, Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: Romans 10:5-13

Hymn of the Day: 510 In Christ Alone

Email Devotions: On the first day of every week each one of you should set aside a sum of money...

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 22nd 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.

Pastor Nate Scharf has returned his call to be dean of students at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan. We thank God for his continued service here at St. Paul's and we also pray for MLS as they continue to call for a Dean.

Tom Benzing has accepted his call to serve as Staff Minister at Mount Calvary in Redding, CA. We pray for God's guiding hand and countless blessings as they make this transition to California.

First Bible Presentation- will be on September 9, 10, & 11 during all worship services. Children in first grade or older receive a Bible as a gift from their church family.

Wednesday School begins August 30 from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesday Evenings. This class is designed for Children in grades 1-6 who do not attend St. Paul's School.

Sunday School begins September 17 from 9:30-10:30 am on Sunday Mornings. All children in 3-year-old Preschool - Grade 6 are welcome to attend. Go to splnewulm.org/children/ to register for Sunday and Wednesday School.

Sunday & Wednesday School teachers needed. If you are interested in teaching or substitute teaching Sunday or Wednesday School, please contact Staff Minister Kuschel (kkuschel@splnewulm.org).

Music rehearsals are starting soon! Handbells will be starting rehearsals on September 5 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Please contact Jody Hunstad if you are interested - 507-766-2046

Mixed Choir- rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00pm in the choir room in the basement. All ages and abilities welcome at any time. Come and join our voices in praising our Lord together!

Welcome Home Weekend- Coming 9/16-18 By now, all our St. Paul's members should have received an invitation to "Welcome Home Weekend" scheduled for September 16-18th. This effort, sponsored by our Board of Elders, is goal to have 100% of St. Paul's members worship

together on this special day. Please do everything possible to set this date aside so we can pack the house. Share with a family member or friend.

Save the Date- St Paul's will be participating in an exciting new program called Everyone Outreach! The program will help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is encouraged and equipped to reach the lost in our community. Please mark your calendars for October 7-8 OR October 28-29 when we will kick off the program with a 2-day workshop. If you want to learn more about the Everyone Outreach program, visit everyoneoutreach.com. Look for more information about Everyone Outreach as we get closer to the workshop.

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 \$40,611. 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)

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 to volunteer! Questions? Contact Beth Scharf at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu.

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.

Summer Fellowship in the Park - The St. John's Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all parents and their children to join them for the last event of the season on Friday, August 25 at 9 am at the Nature Playground at Flandrau State Park. Come for fellowship, devotion, and optional picnic lunch. Feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions, contact Erika Grundmeier at 989-529-8729.

Keep in your Prayers... Thanksgiving to Duane and MaryEllen Fluegge married 59 years.