

**This Week – August 28-September 3**

Monday..... 6:30pm Worship  
 7:00pm Men’s Bible Study  
 Tuesday..... St. Paul’s School First Day Grades 1-8  
 11am/6pm Bible Class  
 6:00pm Bible Information Class  
 7:00pm Women’s Bible Study  
 Wednesday ..... St. Paul’s First Day for K & Preschool  
 Friday..... 9:30am Bulletin Assembly  
 Saturday..... 6:00pm Worship\*  
 Sunday..... 8am Contemporary Worship\*  
 9:30am Bible Classes  
 9:30am & 11am Worship\*  
 \*Communion Services

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

**Attendance:** 8/19-8/21: *In-Person:* *Online:*

<b>Offerings:</b>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/ Actual)	\$27,326/\$24,207	\$2,053/\$1,102	\$1,729/\$973
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	<b>Total:</b>
\$303	\$4,696	\$81	<b>\$31,362</b>

**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](http://splnewulm.org). Click "GIVE" or scan the QR code on your phone.

**Worship & Contact Info**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Nate Scharf

**Organist:** Kate Carlovsky **Contemporary:** Dave Bauer

**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](mailto:church@splnewulm.org)** **[school@splnewulm.org](mailto:school@splnewulm.org)**



**Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.**

**August 26 –28, 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, we thank you for the gift of your Word and the gift of music. We appreciate the hymn writers who have captured the messages of your Word in song. We are thankful for the many skilled musicians who you have placed into our midst. Please use the truths of Scripture, which the hymns today will reflect, to strengthen our faith and calm our troubled souls. Amen

**Next Week’s Word of God**

**Reading:** Romans 8:18-25, Matthew 16:21-26

**Sermon:** Lamentations 3:45 – 48,55,57

**Hymn of the Day:** 845 What God Ordains Is Always Good

**Email Devotions:** 1 Chronicles 1:1-5

## 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** begins September 18 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.

**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. Go to [splnewulm.org/children/](http://splnewulm.org/children/) to register.

**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/](http://splnewulm.org/children/) to register.

**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](mailto:kkuschel@splnewulm.org)).

**Nursery Helpers** - If you are interested in helping staff the Nursery from 9:20-10:35am on Sunday mornings beginning on September 10 please sign up at [tinyurl.com/SPLnursery](http://tinyurl.com/SPLnursery)

**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 Scheduled 9/16-18** Worshipping our God together - listening to him speak to us in His Word and singing his praises is ALWAYS special. But, it's even better when God's house is packed. The goal of "Welcome Home Weekend" is to have a day when all our members are welcomed back home - that's what St. Paul's is. Special efforts are being made by our Board of Elders and groups of volunteers to intentionally invite our membership back. Help us by inviting a family member/friend to join you for this special day. God bless your efforts.

**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 for this 2-day workshop. If you want to learn more about the Everyone Outreach program, visit [everyoneoutreach.com](http://everyoneoutreach.com).

**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 \$34,975. 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. 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](http://johnandpaulministries.com) to volunteer! Questions? Contact Beth Scharf at [scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu](mailto: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 contact me at [cook@splnewulm.org](mailto:cook@splnewulm.org).

**Daily Devotions** - Pastor Smith will begin two new books of the Bible in his *God's Word for You* series: Staring Monday (8/28), 1 Chronicles and the history of God's Old Testament people. Then on the weekends, beginning Saturday (8/26), Song of Solomon, and the Mystic Union between Christ and his Church. Read or listen to devotions on [splnewulm.org](http://splnewulm.org).

**Council Meeting Highlights** - Our St. Paul's Church Council met on 8/22 for Bible study and reports for President Jeff Boyce's first meeting. Board of Properties reported on the progress of Phase II of the Tuckpointing Project (repair of the brick and clocktower) that will continue through this Fall. Bob Martens was elected Vice-President. A Church Administrator Search Committee was formed to address the upcoming vacant position. An additional half-time paraprofessional position at St. Paul's Lutheran School was approved. To God be the glory.

**Keep in your Prayers...** Maisey Gawrisch & Evelyn Portner who were baptized...Richard Weilage who will be undergoing a procedure.