

This Week – September 4 - September 10

Monday..... 6:30pm Worship*
 7pm Men’s Bible Study
 Tuesday..... 11am/6pm Bible Class
 6pm Bible Information Class
 5pm Board of Child Discipleship
 6pm Mentoring Meeting
 6:15 Board of Outreach
 7pm Women’s Bible Study
 Wednesday 6pm TOD
 6:30pm Confirmation Class
 6:30pm Wednesday School
 7pm Mixed Choir
 Friday..... 9:30am Bulletin Assembly
 Saturday..... 5pm Summer Send-Off
 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
 7:15pm Outdoor Worship @ School
 Sunday..... 8am* & 9:30am Worship
 9:30am Bible Classes
 11am Worship Contemporary
 *Communion Services

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

Attendance: 8/26-8/28: *In-Person:* 798 *Online:* 158
Offerings: General Fund WELS/Missions MVL
 (Budg/Actual) \$27,326/\$15,264 \$2,207/\$1,284 \$1,729/\$2,270
Cap. Impr. School Project Other Total:
 \$4,763 \$4,763 \$255 \$22,669

Memorials, Gifts, Thank Offerings:

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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

Worship Leader: Pastor Tim Smith
Organist: Steve Biedenbender **Contemporary:** Diane Woods
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
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Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

September 2-4, 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

Heavenly Father, you provide all things for the good of those who love you. Thank you for this time of grace on earth and the opportunity to fight the good fight of faith. Center our hearts solely on your Son, Jesus Christ, who we are privileged to worship and adore in this life and the next. In His name we pray. Amen.

Next Week’s Word of God

Reading: Genesis 50:15-21, Ephesians 4:29-5:2

Sermon: Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn of the Day: 733 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Email Devotions: Chronicles: Japeth to Nimrod

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 with any questions.

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.

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).

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

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!

Hear ye, hear ye! The women's Bible class will start a new series of classes in September. We will be studying the book of Galatians. It is one of the first epistles written by Paul, and it was written to the congregation he started in Ephesus. We will see if the things he wrote to that group apply to us in the 22nd century. We meet in the lower level of the church, right across from the choir room, on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Our group is made up of a variety of ages and includes women who want to study God's Word together. Our group is a support to each other in our joys and challenges, and we also have some good laughs together! Please join us; we welcome women of all ages. MLC students, we welcome you too!

Welcome Home Weekend Save the Date 9/16-18 We like to save important dates: weddings, birthdays, and anniversaries. But, please save the date to have 100% of St. Paul's membership at in-person worship in our sanctuary. Our focus of worship will be celebrating the blessing of Christian community. Save the date and make plans to join us.

Financial Peace University is a course about managing the monetary gifts that God has given us. This class will begin on September 18th from 6:00-7:30pm. Childcare will be available. We plan to meet every Monday evening for about nine weeks. The cost to access online resources is \$25 per family. You may sign up for these resources even if you do not plan to attend the course. If you are interested, please contact Staff Minister Kris Kuschel (kkuschel@splnewulm.org).

St. Paul's Special Budget Request- In July, we heard about our St. Paul's 2022-2023 ministry plan deficit. Our Board of Finance determined that the deficit is currently at \$32,590. 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.

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.

MUMS is back! Moms Understanding Moms in view of the Savior (MUMS) is a group of Christian moms from St. Paul's and St. John's churches and St. Paul's school that meet on Tuesdays, beginning Sep. 12, 9:00am in the basement at St. Paul's church, to encourage one another in God's Word and prayer. We are excited to get back together. Please join our Facebook group called MUMs for more details and updates! If you have questions please contact Cori Waldschmidt at (989) 245-9256.

OWLS MEETING: Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be meeting on Monday, September 11 (9/11) at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM with a NOON potluck meal. Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks and table wear will be provided. A devotion will be held at 12:45 PM, with a presentation to follow by Pastor Glenn and Jackie Hieb, Missionaries to Japan. Hope you can make it

MUMS FOR MVL Current MVL parents Travis and Sara Stewart, owners of Lone Pine Acres in Mankato, have offered to work with MVL Booster Club for a mum fundraiser! Please see email for ordering and pick-up details! <https://lonepineacres.com/shop>

Keep in your prayers.... Thanksgiving to 50th Wedding Anniversary for **Bob and Liz Hinnenthal, Diane Brutlag**, hip surgery.