



Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

September 9-11, 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

Lord Jesus, You have the words of eternal life. As we gather together to worship today, accept our prayers and praises. Bless our hearing of your word. Renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love. Give us the peace only you can give. Further equip us to serve you, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Next Week's Word of God

Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Sermon: Hebrews 2:9-18

Hymn of the Day: 897 Lord Jesus, You Have Come

Email Devotions: Chronicles: The Edomites

This Week – September 11-17

Monday..... 11:30am Board of Family & Youth
6:30pm Worship*

Tuesday..... 9am MUMS
5pm Board of Child Discipleship
6:15 Board of Outreach
7pm Women's Bible Study
7pm Special Council Meeting

Wednesday 6:30pm Confirmation Class
6:30pm Wednesday School
7pm Mixed Choir

Thursday..... 8:30am Board of Properties
6:30pm AsHoc Site Plan Committee

Friday..... 7am Sub-Committee
9:30am Bulletin Assembly

Saturday..... 6:00pm Worship*
7pm SPLaT

Sunday..... 8am*, 9:30am*, 11am* Worship
9:30am Bible Classes
9:30am Sunday School
*Communion Services

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

Attendance: 9/2-4: *In-Person:* 704 *Online:* 175

Offerings:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/Actual)	\$27,326/\$22,591	\$2,207/\$1,754	\$1,729/1,675
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	Total:
\$745	\$4,957	\$272	\$26,021

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 Tim Smith **Liturgy:** SM Kris Kuschel
Organist: Kate Weichman **Contemporary:** Judy Martens
Times: Sat. - 6pm; Sun. - 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. - 6:30pm
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(507) 354-3641 **(507) 354-2329**
church@splnewulm.org **school@splnewulm.org**

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 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 9:30-10:30am on Sunday mornings. All children in 3-year-old Preschool - Grade 6 are welcome to attend. Go to splnewulm.org/children/ to register.

Wednesday School teachers needed. If you are interested in teaching or substitute teaching 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

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. Go to splnewulm.org to register or see our information desk for more information.

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.

Thanks to St. Paul's Member Phone Callers-To help effectively reach more of our members, our Board of Elders recently asked 15+ St. Paul's women & men to help them make personal and friendly calls to invite 200+ families/singles to Welcome Home Weekend. Thanks for taking the time to care about our members, some whom we haven't seen in regular worship for a long time. We had some great conversations and planted many seeds. We deeply care about every soul in our congregation and community with Christ's love. Pray with us God will bless these calls with more souls who will hear the Gospel message at in-person worship. Like to volunteer in a future phone call effort? Please talk with Pastor Oelhafen today 262-442-8568.

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!

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 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 deficit is currently at \$16,890.00. We are thankful for God's generous people! To ensure your additional offering is applied specifically to this deficit, please mark on your envelope or check DEFICIT OFFERING.

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 11:30am with a NOON potluck meal. Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks and table wear will be provided. A devotion will be held at 12:45pm, with a presentation to follow by Pastor Glenn and Jackie Hieb, Missionaries to Japan. Hope you can make it.

Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for their opening concert of the year on Sunday, October 1. As part of our Homecoming weekend activities, this concert has a special start time of 1:00 pm. Works by Grainger, Vaughan-Williams, and Fillmore will be featured in a program highlighting some of the classics in wind band repertoire. We look forward to seeing you there!