

This Week – September 18-24

Monday.....	2pm After School Study 5:15pm Board Of Outreach 6pm BIC Class #1 6pm Financial Peace University 6:30pm Worship*
Tuesday.....	9am MUMS 11am & 6pm Bible Class 5pm Board of Child Discipleship 7pm Board Of Finance 7pm Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Wednesday School 7pm Mixed Choir
Thursday.....	8:30am Board of Gifts & Talents
Friday.....	9:30am Bulletin Assembly
Saturday.....	6:00pm Contemporary Worship*
Sunday.....	8am 9:30am Worship 9:30am Bible Classes 9:30am Sunday School 11am Contemporary Worship *Communion Services

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

Attendance: 9/9-11: *In-Person:* 750 *Online:* 197

Memorials, Gifts, Thank Offerings:

Stephanie Dauer- School Fund

Bruce & Jean Mehlhop- School fund & Debt Reduction



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: Hannah Scharf

Contemporary: David Bauer

Times: Sat. – 6pm; Sun. – 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. – 6:30pm

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Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

September 16-18, 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: Deuteronomy 8:11-18, Colossians 1:15-23

Sermon: Matthew 25:14-30

Hymn of the Day: CW 754- Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

Email Devotions: Chronicles: Judah to Jesse

News and Notes

Bible Basics Class - Sunday mornings at 9:30 there is a Bible Basics Class held in the basement classroom room 105. We will be studying "Growing in Grace". Please join us and bring a friend!

Bible Study on 2 Timothy 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.

Women's Bible class will start a new series of classes in September. The class will be studying the book of Galatians. It is one of the first epistles written by Paul. 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 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!

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

Fall connect groups are starting up soon! This is a great way to meet and grow in God's Word with our fellow Christians. The first session starts Sept 20th. Sign-up now online <https://bit.ly/CG23Fall> or at the Information Desk

St Paul's will be participating in an exciting new program called **Everyone Outreach!** 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.

Staff Minister Tom Benzing has accepted a divine call as a Staff Minister to serve Mt. Calvary, in Redding, CA & Andersen, CA. His farewell is scheduled for the 11 am service on 9/24. You are invited to bring any farewell cards, letters of appreciation, or gifts to the special box in the entryway this weekend (9/16-18) or next (9/23-25). He plans to move the end of September. We appreciate the faithful service of Tom and his wife Chris.

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.

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.

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, in the basement at St. Paul's church.. Please join our Facebook group called MUMS for more details and updates! If you have questions please contact Cori Waldschmidt at (989) 245-9256.

Fall Cemetery Clean Up - In preparation for the winter months, all live flowers, plants, pots, urns, ornaments and solar lights must be removed from the grave sites by October 1. Winter decorations may be placed on the grave sites after November 1.

Assistant head cook needed at St Paul's Lutheran School. If interested please pick up an application at St Paul's school or church office.

LWMS Fall Rally - Sat. Sept. 30, 8am - St Peter Lutheran Church in St Peter, MN. The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society helps support home and world mission projects of our synod. You are invited to join us for fellowship, worship, and mission updates. More details are available at the information desk.

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. We look forward to seeing you there!

Keep in your Prayers... **Jerry Pagel** who is currently in the hospital. **Bruce & Jean Mehlhop**- 55th Wedding anniversary.