

This Week – September 25- October 1

Monday.....	2pm After School Study 6pm BIC Class #2 6pm Financial Peace University 6:30pm Worship
Tuesday.....	9am MUMS 11am & 6pm Bible Class 6:30pm Church Council 7pm Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Wednesday School 7pm Mixed Choir
Friday.....	9:30am Bulletin Assembly
Saturday.....	9am LWMS Fall Rally @ St. Peter 6:00pm Worship*
Sunday.....	8am Contemporary Worship* 9:30/11am Worship* 9:30am Bible Classes 9:30am Sunday School *Communion Services

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

Attendance: 9/16-17: *In-Person:* 1075 *Online:* 187

Offerings:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/Actual)	\$27,326/\$21,285.54	\$2,053/\$1,055.50	\$1,729/\$1,013
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total:</u>
\$567	\$7,051	\$311	\$31,283.54

Memorials, Gifts, Thank Offerings:

Leora Johns- Endowment Fund \$14,727.48

Sharon Portner- School Building Fund & Jesus Cares

Steve Bode- Jesus Cares, School Building Fund & General



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 Nate Scharf **Liturgy:** Pastor Scott Oelhafen

Organist: Kate Carlosky **Contemporary:** Judy Martens

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 23-25, 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, too often we put our own concerns and priorities above your will and work. Please rid us of our selfishness, and fill us with the zeal to keep you first in our lives. We thank you for coming down to earth, forgiving our sins, and renewing our spirit. Remind us through your Word that your peace provides the reason for the time, talent, and treasure we dedicate in your name. Amen.

Next Week’s Word of God

Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 & Philippians 2:1-11

Sermon: Matthew 21:23-32

Hymn of the Day: CW 580 All I Have Is Christ

Email Devotions: Chronicles: Tribe of Judah

News and Notes

Bible Class- Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:30. This week's class will be studying Miracles of Jesus, taught by Pastor Smith. All are welcome to the class.

Bible Basics Class - Sunday mornings at 9:30 there is a Bible Basics Class basement 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 Tuesdays in the Fireside Room.

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

Women's Bible class will be studying the book of Galatians. The class meets in the lower level of the church, right across from the choir room, on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

School Bible Study- Pastor Smith leads a Bible study on Mondays at 2:00 pm for anybody waiting to pick up children. We meet in the school conference room.

Nursery Helpers - If you are interested in helping staff the Nursery from 9:20-10:35am on Sunday mornings, please sign up at tinyurl.com/SPLnursery

Ten St. Paul's Connect Groups Launching- This week, Connect Groups begin their first of four sessions at ten different St. Paul's homes. Connect Groups are social, small group Bible studies organized primarily by age (although any one can join any group) and is the primary way new members get to know us. There are 103+ members who have signed up. While some of the groups are already full, there are still open seats. Sign up now at www.bit.ly/CG23Fall or on the table in the new narthex. Speak with coordinator Melissa Nehls 920-539-1242 or Pastor Oelhafen 262-442-8568.

Welcome Home Weekend Is a Blessing- Special thanks to all those who helped make Welcome Home Weekend at St. Paul's a blessing. God blessed us with 1075+ in attendance. We appreciate the efforts who helped invite your family members and friends. Well done. Keep inviting your circle of friends to our church family to learn about the Savior.

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. 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. If you are interested, please contact Staff Minister Kris Kuschel kkuschel@splnewulm.org.

Budget Update- The deficit is currently at \$14,374.00 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.

Scrip News- BONUS DEALS! Kwik Trip is offering a 10% rebate on their regular scrip gift cards and a 20% rebate on their grocery only gift cards for the month of September! Order deadline: Thursday, September 28th by noon for orders that will be ready by Friday, October 6th. For the full details, and to order, stop by the office. Raise Right has Raise Days coming September 21-22, with bonuses on e-cards. Email scrip@splnewulm.org with any questions.

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 10/1. Winter decorations may be placed on the grave sites after 11/1.

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.

MVL will again be hosting a Charger Junior Choir. The choir is open to students currently in 6th-8th grades that attend any of our association schools or churches. The choir will rehearse six times between October and December and will perform at the MVL Christmas Concert on Dec. 21st. More information regarding the choir is available on the school website, mvl.org. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jon Hermanson (jhermanson@mvlhs.org).

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..... The family of **Paul Glaesemann** who passed away this past week, **Destiny Thiessen** recently had gallbladder surgery.