

## This Week – October 9-15

Connect Groups	Week #2
Monday.....	10am Circuit Meeting 2pm After School Study 6pm BIC Class #4 6pm Financial Peace University 6:30pm Worship 7pm Men's Bible Study
Tuesday.....	9am MUMS 11am & 6pm Bible Class 6pm Handbell Choir 7pm Women's Bible Study
Wednesday .....	6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Wednesday School 7pm Mixed Choir
Thursday.....	8:30am Board of Properties
Friday.....	7am Search Committee 9:30am Bulletin Assembly
Saturday.....	10am Jesus Cares 6:00pm Worship*
Sunday.....	7pm SPLaT 8am* & 11am* Worship 9:30am Contemporary Worship* 9:30am Bible Classes 9:30am Sunday School Worship services with Communion*

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

<u>Offerings:</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/Actual)	\$27,326/\$20,765.50	\$2,053/\$2,842.50	\$1,729/\$2318.50
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total:</u>
\$451.50	\$3,668	\$57	\$30,103



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

<b>Message:</b> Pastor Scott Oelhafen	<b>Liturgy:</b> Pastor Nate Scharf
<b>Organist:</b> Rachel Feld	<b>Contemporary:</b> Diane Woods
<b>Times:</b> Sat. – 6pm; Sun. – 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. – 6:30pm	
<b>Church – 201 N State St</b>	<b>School – 126 S Payne</b>
<b>(507) 354-3641</b>	<b>(507) 354-2329</b>
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**Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.**

**October 7-9, 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

Dear Lord, you taught us how to love by loving us first. You showed us the depth of your love by sending your only Son into our corrupt world to save us from our sins. Now we ask you to encourage us to love as you do, in a self-sacrificing way. Provide us with opportunities to let your love shine through our lives as we serve you and one another out of love for our Savior. Amen.

## Next Week's Word of God

**Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-9, Romans 1:16-17

**Sermon:** Matthew 22:1-14

**Hymn of the Day:** CW 654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

**Email Devotions:** Chronicles: The Prayer of Jabez

## 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 Church and Congregation. Please join us and bring a friend!

**Bible Study** on Jeremiah part 1 at 11am and 6pm Tuesdays in the Fireside Room.

**Bible Information Class** are held on Mondays 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 will meet in the school conference room.

**Ten St. Paul's Connect Groups** begin their second of four sessions at ten different St. Paul's homes. There are still open seats. Sign up now at [www.bit.ly/CG23Fall](http://www.bit.ly/CG23Fall) or on the table in the new narthex.

**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](http://splnewulm.org) to register or see our information desk for more information.

**Financial Peace University** is a course about managing the monetary gifts that God has given us. This class will be on Mondays from 6:00-7:30pm. The cost to access online resources is \$25 per family. If you are interested, please contact Staff Minister Kris Kuschel [kkuschel@splnewulm.org](mailto:kkuschel@splnewulm.org).

**Budget Update-** The deficit is currently at \$2,225.07 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.

**St. Paul's** is looking to hire an **Operations Manager** of our church and school. Full details of the position, including application instructions, are

available online at [splnewulm.org/opsmanager](http://splnewulm.org/opsmanager). For questions, please contact Jeff Boyce at 507-276-6014 or Pastor Scott Oelhafen at 262-442-8568.

**Volunteer Opportunities-** St. Paul's is looking for volunteers who are willing and able to help in a few roles within our church community. If you are interested in any of the opportunities to serve or have questions about any of them, please see our information desk.

**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.

**Who is Jesus?** During a recent visit with a new family, Principal Markgraf got to interact with a preschooler and her parents. They were interested in our school and wanted a tour and more information. Many questions were asked and answered but the best question came from the preschool student. "Who is Jesus?" she asked Mr. Markgraf.

Your donations and support for St. Paul's School enable us to provide education and spiritual guidance to children like this one, planting seeds of faith that will grow throughout their lives. We want to remind you of the impact of your contributions and the lives you touch, like this little girl who will be entering our kindergarten class next school year.

**MVL Kitchen-** Are you interested in casual employment or volunteering in the MVL kitchen? This is an on-call position to substitute on days regular workers are gone. Please reach out to Mrs. Fluegge for more information. [foodservice@mvlhs.org](mailto:foodservice@mvlhs.org), call or text 507-993-5195

**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. More information is available on the school website, [mvvl.org](http://mvvl.org). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jon Hermanson ([jhermanson@mvlhs.org](mailto:jhermanson@mvlhs.org)).

**WELS/OWLS Travel Tours** OWLS is offering bus tours that may be a great way for you to see more of God's world while enjoying fellowship with God's people. A November trip to the Scenic Southeast and a January winter warmup tour to South Florida are now open for registration, while spring and summer trips will be available to book starting on October 13. Learn more at [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or call Steve Balza at 507-217-1731.

Celebrate the Reformation at the joint **Reformation service** October 29, 2023 at 3pm at MLC.