



From the Desk of Pastor Meyer

While we still have plenty of summer to go, weather-wise, the beginning of the school year is right around the corner. Teachers officially report in a few days, but in truth, most have been planning and preparing for days or even weeks. Before you know it, August 12 and our opening chapel service will be right around the corner.

That morning, I will have the privilege of beginning the school year in the Triune name of God in morning chapel. I have an old, brass bell that my Dad once used in his Nebraska classroom. Much as in Holy Baptism, I pour water over the child three times as each Divine name is intoned, I will ring the bell as the names of Father, Son and Holy Spirit are spoken and we will begin the day, and the year, with prayer, asking God's blessing on our school, our staff and students, our school families, over what is taught and learned, and that in all that is said and done, His name is glorified and His will and work is done among us.

You are welcome to join us at 9am on the 12th for this special chapel service. But, I don't want you to think that the opening chapel service is the only time you may participate with St. Paul's Lutheran School. On the back of this page is a 31-day prayer schedule that I invite and encourage you to use, praying for specific needs and people. Be in prayer for all that is said and done in this place. Why do I ask that of you?

Last fall, at Back to School/Meet the Teacher night, I said something like this to the parents: whether you are here because you desire a Lutheran school, or a Christian education, or simply don't want your child to attend public school, our purpose here is to show, teach, and live out the Good News each day so that your child learns of Jesus as Savior." A dad caught me one morning at drop-off a few weeks later. He said that he was somewhere between skeptical and curious whether I was blowing smoke or sincere that night, wondering if those were mere words or a promise. He looked me in the eyes and said, "St. Paul's is doing exactly what you said you would do – teaching Jesus and modeling His grace - and I thank you for that."

That mission of St. Paul's happens because of your support of our school with your offerings, gifts, and time, and especially your prayers. So, to each of you, thank you.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Meyer

A Prayer Plan for St. Paul's Lutheran School

Beginning on the 1st of the month, pray for...



1. The mission & ministry of St. Paul's
2. All of our teachers (See #21-29)
3. All of our students, especially new to SPLC
4. Richard Burdick, principal
5. Rachel Long, school office manager, "nurse," and so much more
6. Lorie King, cook
7. Steve Fisher, IT specialist
8. Carolyn LaBrue, Librarian
9. Dian Salisbury, Music
10. **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**—soothing nervous hearts & minds of kids, parents & teachers
11. A peaceful night's sleep
12. **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!!**
13. Parents & kids struggling to let go
14. Strength, patience and grace for teachers
15. Inquisitive and receptive minds for students

16. The mission & ministry of SPLC
17. Compassion for those who struggle
18. Humility and gentleness of spirit
19. Courage and hope for the overwhelmed
20. Friendship & a sense of belonging
21. Jean Dodds and the PK-3 class
22. Erin Cunningham and the PK-4 class
23. Rhonda Lamle and the Kindergarten
24. Penny Stover and the 1st Grade
25. Christine Cripe and the 2nd Grade
26. Erica Tate and the 3rd Grade
27. Kim Zaloudek and the 4th Grade
28. Angie Watkins and the 5th Grade
29. Judy Helberg, aid, & other service providers
30. The School Board
31. **That the Good News of Jesus is shown, taught, and lived each day!!!**

"Rooted In Christ" - Colossians 2: 6-7



LWML
Lutheran Women in Mission

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Chancel Circle

Meets at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 10th

2506 Sleepy Hollow Drive

Community Service Circle

Meets at 6:30 PM, cookout on Tuesday, August 4th

2018 Lantern Lane

Service Circle

Meets at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, August 5th

Church Basement

Visiting Circle

Meets at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, August 5th

Room #108

All are warmly invited to attend any of our circle meetings



Through the month of August, the LWML will be collecting new or gently used shoes. The donation box will be in the narthex for your convenience. Please tie the pair together if the shoes have ties. If not a shoe with ties, bind the shoes together with string or a rubber band.

We cannot accept ice skates or roller blades.

The LWML would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our congregation for your generous donation of diapers and wipes for the Scriven family.



Chancel Circle

welcomes the gift of flowers

Living flowers and plants are a beautiful way to honor our Lord and enrich our time together in worship.

If you feel called to place flowers on the altar, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the church office at

(580) 234-6646



Thank you for helping us recycle HP and Canon ink cartridges! Please save your original box to pack the used cartridges OR use a Ziplock bag. Also, we continue to collect the special Commemorative postage stamps. For a complete list of items to collect, go to **www.oklwml.org**



Welcome

We extend a heartfelt Christian welcome to Robert and Anna Screvin, received through Adult Instruction, and to Phil and Harvel Johnson, received by Member Transfer. We thank God for bringing them into our church family.



We are delighted to share the joyful news of the birth of **Ivy Lousie & June Adonica to Robert & Anna Screvin!**

Please join us in congratulating the proud parents and keeping them in your prayers as they begin this wonderful new chapter.

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him." – Psalm 127:3

Thank you!
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A sincere thank you to all our VBS volunteers for your time, dedication, and hard work in making this year's Vacation Bible School a wonderful success! We also extend our sincere thanks to everyone who donated VBS supplies and pet food for the SPCA. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we were able to fill the bed of Stephen Wiederkehr's truck with donations!



BLESSING OF THE *backpacks*



& TEACHER INSTALLATION

Sunday Service
August 9th at 9:00 AM

Bring your backpack, book bag, or school tote as we ask God's guidance, protection, and blessings upon all students, teachers, and school staff throughout the coming year. During the service, we will also celebrate and pray for our teachers as they begin another year of sharing Christ's love through education.



Ice Cream Social

Redeemer is hosting an Ice Cream Social Sunday August 9th at 4:30 PM

BACK TO SCHOOL

Morning drop-off will be from 8:00–8:15 a.m. Please plan to arrive during that time to help ensure a smooth start to the school day. Students should wear **chapel attire** as we begin the year together in worship.

All families are invited to attend our Morning Chapel Service. Join us as we gather in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, asking for God's guidance and blessings for our students, teachers, staff, and families throughout the school year.



Back to School Night August 10th 6:00-7:30

Join us for **Back-to-School Night** as we kick off an exciting new school year!



This is a wonderful opportunity for students and families to **meet their teachers, drop off school supplies**, and get familiar with their classrooms before the first day of school.



To make the evening even more enjoyable, the **PTL will be providing free Hideaway Pizza** for all attending families. We hope you'll come, connect with our school community, and start the year off right!



We look forward to seeing you there and welcoming everyone back for another great year of learning and

First Day of School-Wednesday August 12th



DINE-OUT NIGHT

Freddy's is hosting St. Paul's PTL's first dine out of the 2026-2027 school year. We hope you will join us there for fun, food and fellowship!

August 18, 2026

4:00PM - 8:00PM



The St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Reading Buddy – Mentor Program

The program begins late **September 2026** and will continue through early **April 2027**.

Approximately 20 Reading Buddy sessions during this eight-month period.

Please, prayerfully consider becoming a Reading Buddy / Mentor. A Reading Buddy / Mentor Orientation will be held on **September 16, 2026, at 10:00am or 2:30pm**, or by appointment.

Mentor Application forms can be found in the church office.



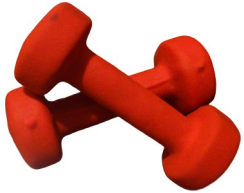
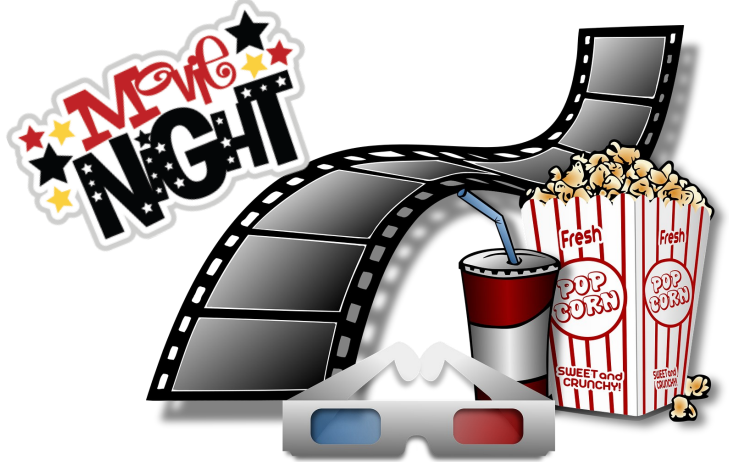
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Bring the whole family and enjoy a wholesome movie together in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Free popcorn will be provided!

Join us in the church basement on

Sunday, August 30th at 5:00 PM



Balance & Strength

This class is a great opportunity to improve balance, increase strength, and enjoy fellowship in a supportive, encouraging environment. It's suitable for all fitness levels, come as you are!



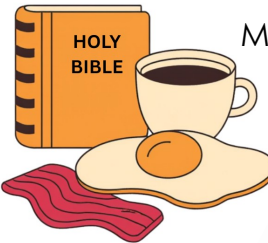
Meet in the Music Room
every

Tuesday & Thursday at 11:00 AM



Children's Ministry

Meets Thursday August
20th @ 10:30 AM



Men's Breakfast &
Bible Study

Meet's every **Friday**
at 7:00 AM



Pinochle Group
meets the **1st and**
3rd Tuesdays of
each month at
1:00PM

**3005 Forrestridge
PI**



Dominoes Group
meets the **1st and**
3rd Mondays of
each month at
9:45AM

3005 Forrestridge PI

*** ATTENTION ***

Pinochle is canceled for August 3rd

Dominoes is canceled for August 4th



Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:30AM or 6:30PM

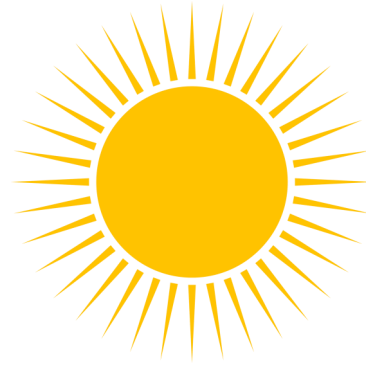
Begins August 26th, 2026

St. Paul's Library

Questions? Contact Adola Stocker
at (210) 385-1272

SAM's Lunch will be
August 26th at 12:30 PM
at Linda Ragoss'
2121 Wilshire Drive





birthdays



2nd– Blake Dryden
2nd– Veta Wheeler
7th– Robert Newberg
9th– Kathy Austin
10th– Troy Goodwin
10th– Terry Herth
11th– Wendi Collums
13th– Macy Courter
13th– Kris Young
14th– Trayson Deterding
14th– Renie Krienke
14th– Evian Martinez
14th– Cayla Nicolin
16th– Pat Durheim

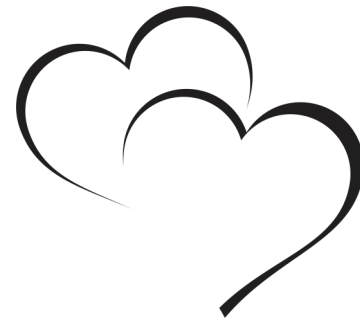
16th– Kathy Willey
17th– John Lamle
18th– Patty Jung
18th– Tammi Lieswald
18th– Jessica McCoy
19th– Dominic Lichtenberg
21st– Sally Dunbar
24th– Beaux Biggers
24th– Brooklynn Breitenkamp
25th– Lily Overstreet
26th– Doug Wade
27th– Trace Renken
27th– Gregg Strong
28th– Crystal Kingcade



Happy anniversary!



4th– Chris & Carla Burdick
6th– Bruce & Joanne Crain
8th– Troy & Robbie Goodwin
21st– Ron & Cindy Krey
26th– Mike & Cindy Koehn





In the coming weeks, we will be updating our Church Directory to ensure all member information is accurate and up to date. This directory is an important resource for helping our church stay connected and informed. We kindly ask all members to complete the **Church Membership Information Update Form**. Please take a few moments to review your details and make any necessary updates.

All forms must be turned in no later than August 15 so that we can finalize and distribute the updated directory by **September 1**.

Drop off forms at the church office Monday-Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM or email to church@stpaulsenid.com

PORTALS OF PRAYER

We are updating our *Portals of Prayer* mailing list to ensure everyone who would like to receive this devotional is included. If you would like to continue or begin receiving *Portals of Prayer* by mail, please indicate your preference on the Church Information Update Form. Simply make a note next to your home address so we can keep our records accurate.



Lutheran Witness Renewals

Renewal for *The Lutheran Witness* is coming up in **October 2026**. The annual subscription rate is **\$30.30 per year (\$2.52 per issue)**.

If you are currently subscribed, please contact Danielle in the church office no later than **August 5th** to make any changes to your subscription. You may do so by email, phone, or by stopping by the office.

To help ensure your questions and requests reach the right person, please use the following email addresses:



Annabelle, Business Manager
office@stpaulsenid.com

Danielle, Church Secretary
church@stpaulsenid.com

Rachel, School Secretary
school@stpaulsenid.com

August 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion	3 Finance Board 10:00 AM	4 Balance & Strength 11:00 AM Community Service Circle 7:00 PM	5 Visiting Circle 12:30PM Service Circle 1:00PM	6 Balance & Strength 11:00 AM	7 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:00 AM	8
9 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of the Backpacks & Teacher Installation	10 Finance Board 10:00 AM Chancel Circle 6:00 PM Back 2 School 6:00-7:30PM	11 Balance & Strength 11:00 AM Elder's Meeting 7:00 PM	12 <i>Happy FIRST Day Of SCHOOL</i>	13 Balance & Strength 11:00 AM	14 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:00 AM	15
16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Communion	17 Dominoes 9:45AM Finance Board 10:00 AM	18 Balance & Strength 11:00 AM Pinochle 1:00PM School Board 5:00PM Freddy's Dine- Out 4-8PM	19	20 Children's Ministry 10:30AM Balance & Strength 11:00 AM School Board 5:00PM Church Council 7:00PM	21 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:00 AM <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	22
23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	24 Finance Board 10:00 AM	25 Balance & Strength 11:00 AM	26 Ladie's Bible Study 9:30AM/6:30PM SAM Luncheon 12:30PM	27 Balance & Strength 11:00 AM	28 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:00 AM	29
30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 5:00	31 Finance Board 10:00 AM					

August Worship Service Duties

DATE	LESSONS	HYMNS	ACOLYTE	LIVESTREAM	SOUND	READERS	ELDER	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	USHERS	GREETERS	CHILDREN'S SERMON	NURSERY
Sun. Aug. 2, 2026 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 136:1-9 (23-26) Romans 9:1-5 (6-13) Matthew 14:13-21	633, 642, 631, 744, 684, 628, 917	Ron Young	Zach Wyant	Gerald Nolte	Martha Gabriel	Ron Young & Rick Lunday	Ron Young & Rick Lunday	G. Breitenkamp, G. Hollrah, R. Mueller, Richard Burdick	Martha Gabriel & Barbara Kroll	Pastor Meyer	The Hinrich Family
Sun. Aug. 9, 2026 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:4-18 Psalm 18:1-6 (7-16) Romans 10:5-17 Matthew 14:22-33	578, 717, 722	Gene Hollrah	Zach Wyant	Gerald Nolte	Martha Gabriel	Gene Breitenkamp		Gene Breitenkamp, Gene Hollrah, Ray Mueller	Carla Burdick & Jenny Smithson	Carolyn LaBrue	Laura Burdick
Sun. Aug 16, 2026 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 Matthew 15:21-28	979, 846, 779, 772, 765, 770, 850	Paul Dunbar	Zach Wyant	Gerald Nolte	Martha Gabriel	Jonathan Becker & Paul Dunbar	Jonathan Becker & Paul Dunbar	Gene Breitenkamp, Bill White, James Wurflin, Richard Burdick	Sally Dunbar & Pam Wiederkehr	Martha Gabriel	Kathy Wuerflin
Sun. Aug. 23, 2026 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 11:33-12:8 Matthew 16:13-20	662, 645, 644	Jonathan Becker	Zach Wyant	Gerald Nolte	Martha Gabriel	Gene Breitenkamp		Gene Breitenkamp, Jere Courter, Chris Burdick, Chris Bauer	Kris Young & Kathy Wuerflin	Stephen Wiederkehr	Veta Wheeler
Sun. Aug. 30, 2026 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28	869, 688, 861	James Wuerflin	Zach Wyant	Gerald Nolte	Martha Gabriel	Gene Breitenkamp		G. Breitenkamp, G. Hollrah, R. Mueller, Richard Burdick	Laura Burdick & Brenda Braley	Adola Stocker	Cindy Fischhaber