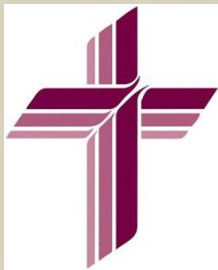


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St. Paul Lutheran Church



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Mission Statement

*"Proclaiming
the saving
grace of Jesus
Christ to all."*



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" John 8:31-32

You may not always stop to think about it, but truth is precious to us. We want other people to speak true statements to us and not lies. We want what we hear on tv or the radio to be true. We want what we see online to be true. We make a lot of jokes about how we don't expect politicians to tell us the truth, but we do wish that they would. We are concerned about whether what they tell us is true or not. Their statements are carefully analyzed by commentators to evaluate the truthfulness of their claims.

Why so much concern about knowing truth? That's because we know that there is no such thing as a harmless lie. We know that believing things that are not true can cause endless problems in our lives. Think about some of the things that you have been told over the years that turned out to be untrue. What if the bank tells you that you can afford a mortgage payment that's larger than you can pay each month? What happens if your doctor tells you that you're as fit as a fiddle when you have serious underlying health problems? I remember reading a story about a person whose GPS lied to her, and she ended up in a lake. Lies are dangerous things!

But our reading from John (the Gospel reading for the Festival of the Reformation) deals with the truth. It is the ultimate truth. That truth tells us there is a God. It tells us that there is a heaven and a hell. It tells people who are spiritually lost the way to everlasting life. It obviously follows that those who do not believe this truth are believing something that is untrue. They are believing things that are false.

On October 26, we will celebrate the Festival of the Reformation. The Reformation was all about truth. It was about people being told things that were false about God and salvation. We thank God for the truth that Martin Luther proclaimed. The truth about our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Jesus tells us that this truth makes us free. Jesus is talking about spiritual freedom. He is talking about freedom from a guilty conscience and even from the fear of death itself. It is that truth that we celebrate.

In His service,
Pastor Olson

Stewardship Matters

(significant budget challenge)

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

In recent weeks, it has become evident to me that, due to a confluence of events, St. Paul is on a trajectory to face significant budget challenges this school year, that is if factors remain as they are currently. The school has lost a significant amount of choice revenue. That is due largely to families moving out of the area. While enrollment remains strong at the school, income is significantly lower. The large number of students in the upper grades has necessitated a higher level of staffing. Adequate staffing levels are necessary in order for us to deliver on our mission statement: Excellence in Christ-centered education. These things, along with various other factors, mean that current revenue levels will fall significantly short of expenses. Working with the bookkeeper, I am able to estimate that the congregation, through the school year, will have a shortfall of approximately \$100,000.

I would first of all caution against panic or despair. This is a significant shortfall, but it is not out of the congregation's reach to avoid this shortfall. I would remind everyone that the congregation just recently went through a stewardship campaign to fund the church renovations and school addition. That project came in at well over a half a million dollars and was paid off in approximately two years. We know that St. Paul has a lot of generous people who care very deeply about their congregation. Avoiding this shortfall is well within the congregation's ability.

For the past several years, St. Paul has been spared from any significant budget challenges. Voucher money has played a significant role in that as well as other factors. This is the first year in some time that the congregation will face a significant challenge in meeting budget.

There is only one way that the congregation can avoid this shortfall, and that is for the members of the congregation to increase their offerings. Certainly, we will continue to watch expenses, but that will not make up the budget shortfall that we are facing. The only way that the congregation can meet its budget is for the members of the congregation to increase their giving. Based on the shortfall that is anticipated, the congregation needs to see an approximate increase in offerings of about 23%. Some may think that's unrealistic, but I disagree. Every member of the congregation needs to sit down and evaluate how God has blessed them and determine how they can respond to God's blessings.

Finally, we end where Christian stewardship begins, and that is at the cross. We look at how our Lord has so richly blessed us. He has blessed us not only with such an abundance of the riches of this world but with eternal riches. We look to the cross and see how our Lord gave all, even His very life, for us that we might receive eternal treasures. It is our Lord's generosity that moves us to be generous.

In His service,
Pastor Olson

St. Paul Lutheran School

Excellence in Christ-centered Education

Fall Family Fun Night: We will be having Fall Family Fun Night on October 10 beginning at 5:30 pm. There will be a cookout with hot dogs, hot chocolate, and other things. There will also be a family friendly movie.

Open House: The day school students will be singing in church on October 12. There will also be an open house at the school after the service.

Book Fair: Please make note that the book fair will not be on October 12 as originally planned. It will take place on November 16-20 instead.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on November 14 & 16.

Accreditation: St. Paul Lutheran School is accredited through National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA). This is a rigorous process that the school undergoes every five years. There are many parts to the accreditation process and many things that go on behind the scenes to make sure that the school is officially accredited. Some of those things involve a review of our written curriculum to make sure that all courses are meeting appropriate standards. There is also a section on health and safety to ensure that the school meets all state mandated health and safety standards. Work on maintaining the school's accreditation has been going on for over a year now. The process culminates in an onsite visit. This consist of a group of educators, assigned by our North Wisconsin District, spending three days at St. Paul and observing school operations in real time. It is the job of the committee to verify that everything that has been listed on paper is happening on a day to day basis. The onsite accreditation visit for St. Paul Lutheran School will take place on November 3-5. If you come into the school on any of those days, you may notice some unfamiliar people walking the halls and visiting classes. Other than that, it will be education as usual during those days.

Reformation Day: It was on October 31, 1517 that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This marked the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. We thank God for the blessings that He has poured out on our church body throughout the years.

Fall has arrived and we are back in full swing here at school. Everyone is getting well adjusted to new schedules, routines, teachers and classrooms. We are looking forward to all the exciting things that are planned for the school year ahead. 5K has started learning all about trees. They have been practicing their numbers and short vowel sounds as well. 1st and 2nd grade is studying all about compressed air. They have had some fun lessons experimenting with air pressure! There have been a lot of bugs crawling around in the upper grade science classroom as they learn about habitats. So many exciting lessons have already begun and the kids are ready to learn! During this past month we took our first trip to the Algoma Library. We are incredibly thankful that they allow us to visit each month. The kids truly enjoy spending a couple hours browsing through books and picking out great new stories to read. We also participated in our annual Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser at NEW Lutheran High School. Thank you to everyone who donated. Our students put on the miles for every dollar they received. Please continue to keep our school, students, faculty and staff in your prayers as we venture into this new academic year! God's Blessings!

STEWARDSHIP NEWS AND VIEWS

"We Are All Beggars"

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: "We are all beggars. This is true." And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

Ironic, isn't it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable - the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't like being in someone's debt like that.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn't because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn't because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and - yes - still in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace. The riches of this grace - the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion - are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

In Christ,

Debbie Delebreau, Candy Krohn, Hans Shin

Lakeshore Lutherans for Life -

40 Days for Life

From Sept 24 through Nov 2, 2025 you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand/walk and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 2605 S. Oneida Street in Ashwaubenon, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to walk for Life, please contact Nola Duescher 920-536-0396 or Dianne Zeitler 920 845-2840. Want to know more about the 40 Days Vigil, check out the website at www.40DaysforLife.com .

Please keep all of the 40 Days for Life volunteers in your daily prayers.



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You will be contacted at a later date as to where you would like the profit to go towards:

1. Youth Group
2. Tuition Reimbursement
3. St. Paul Building Fund
4. General Scrip Fund

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DVD's are available of the church service. Call the church office at 920-845-2095 and one of our volunteers will deliver it to you.

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Newsletter Deadline: the 21st of the month.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>FLOWER GUILD: Candy Krohn</div>			1 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Board of Christian Education Mtg 6:45 pm Choir 7:00 pm	2 Divine Service 7:30 pm	3	4
5 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am	6	7	8 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	9 Worship Service 7:30 pm	10	11
12 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am	13 Council Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	16 Divine Service 7:30 pm	17	18
19 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am	20	21	22 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	23 Worship Service 7:30 pm	24	25
26 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am	27 Voters' Meeting 7:30 pm NO SCHOOL	28	29 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	30 Divine Service 7:30 pm	31	1

Scrip for sale Thursday evening 7:15-7:30 and Sunday mornings after service for 15-20 minutes