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Mission Statement

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



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

**"And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."
Matthew 24:12-13**

A few days ago, someone asked me what I was getting my wife for Valentine's Day. I said that I had just gotten past Christmas and wasn't ready to think about that yet. Nonetheless, a brief stroll through Walmart, or any other store for that matter, tells you that America's retailers think that I need to be ready for Valentine's Day.

It is an interesting thing that such a big deal gets made out of Valentine's Day in our country. You will see all kinds of cards that will help you put your love for others into words. There will be heart shaped decorations appearing everywhere. It's not that I have a problem with the idea of telling people of your love for them. I just find the card display and other things to be in such sharp contrast to so many of the things that we see in our society.

I have had a lot of people comment to me about all of the events that we see across the world and also in our own country. We saw live ammunition used on protesters in the streets of Iran in recent times. It's not the most loving thing to watch, but you don't have to look overseas. You can look at the images that we see in our own cities. We see people attacking police officers on the streets of Minneapolis, and we see the kind of tragedy that such actions can reap. We listen to our politicians use language that is intended to stir up greater passion and anger. It has been said that profanity is the attempt of a weak mind to be heard. If that's true, we have a lot of weak minds in public office. One thing is certain: we don't see a lot of love on the streets of our cities.

It's what Jesus tells us to expect. He tells us that as more people reject the true love which He demonstrated through His death on the cross, and offers through His Word, that there will be less love. In other words, as fewer people receive the love that Jesus offers them, our world will become a colder place. We see no shortage of examples of that today.

But it is different for you. You have received that true love that Christ gives to you, and you offer that love to the world around you. The world needs your witness to Christ's love, not just on Valentine's Day but every day.

In His service,
Pastor Olson

Sermon Texts and Titles

Lenten Midweek Series: The Season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18. After Ash Wednesday, the Lenten midweek services will take the place of the Thursday evening services. The Wednesday morning school chapel services will also be another opportunity to attend the Lenten midweek services. The theme for the midweek sermon series will be "Lenten Customs." On Ash Wednesday, we will consider the custom of ashes. This will be followed by fasting, penitence, foot washing, veil, and palms.

February 1: The sermon text for Epiphany 4 will be the epistle reading I Corinthians 1:18-31. The title of the sermon will be "The Wisdom of God." This Sunday will also be the start of Lutheran Schools Week. The epistle reading compares the wisdom of this world with God's wisdom. In our epistle Paul specifically talks about the wisdom of the cross. The message of the cross seems like foolishness to the world, but it is God's wisdom to save us.

February 5 & 8: The sermon text for Epiphany 5 will be the Gospel reading from Matthew 5:13-20. The title of the sermon will be "It's Who You Are." In our Gospel reading, Jesus talks about salt and light. Jesus compares the benefits that we give to the world to the benefits of salt and light. Jesus tells us that these are the things that He has made us.

February 12 & 15: The sermon text for Transfiguration Sunday will be Matthew 17:5. The title of the sermon will be "Listen to Him!" Transfiguration serves as the bridge between the seasons of Epiphany and Lent. During the Sundays of the Epiphany, Jesus has been revealing Himself to the world. Things will change after Jesus comes down from the Mount of Transfiguration. Jesus will now have His sights set on Mount Calvary. The voice comes from heaven and tells us, "Listen to Him!" We are being told to specifically listen to what He tells us about His suffering and death on our behalf.

February 22: The sermon text for the 1st Sunday in Lent will be our epistle reading from Romans 5:12-19. The title of the sermon will be "One Person Can Make a Big Difference." Our epistle reading tells us about the difference that Adam made when he fell into sin. Because of his sin, sin has come to all people, but it doesn't end there. It is because of the obedience of Jesus that righteousness comes to all people. That Gospel message moves us to make a difference as well.

School News from our Teachers:

Oh the weather outside was frightful, but the learning was so delightful! To say everyone enjoyed some time off of school is an understatement, so when it was time to report back, everyone got down to business! The 7th and 8th graders were hard at work writing research papers on World War II, while the 5th and 6th graders started researching famous explorers for their research papers. 4K keeps rolling through the alphabet, learning all the letters and sounds that they make, but something that's even more exciting is that they've started to learn how to read! All the students are starting to prepare their Science Fair projects for Lutheran Schools Week. We hope to see you at the Open House, Sunday, February 1st, checking out all the fun experiments! There are so many great ideas!

St. Paul Lutheran School News
Excellence in Christ-Centered Education

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year: Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. We are very excited that the enrollment at St. Paul has continued to grow.

4k Registration: We still have openings in the 4k program for the 2026-2027 school year. Please contact the school office or Mrs. Budnik if you have any questions.

Voucher Enrollment: Enrollment for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) opens February 2. St. Paul Lutheran School participates in this program. If a family qualifies, the voucher program would cover the cost of all education related expenses, including tuition and registration. There is a link on our website that will take you to the Department of Public Instruction website for the online application. It is important for families to complete the information accurately. Please contact the school office with any questions that you might have on this program. If you are unsure of how to fill out the application, it is best to contact the school office for help before submitting. Also, please remember that current voucher students must go onto the website and fill out the application for next year as well.

Special Needs Scholarship Program: St. Paul Lutheran School participates in the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP). This program allows students with certain special needs to be able to attend St. Paul. There are no income limits on this program as it is based on special needs. If a student qualifies, the program covers all costs of education including tuition and registration. Please contact the school office with any questions that you might have on this program.

Annual Auction: The auction will be held in person this year on February 28 at Beverly Gardens. The auction provides support for St. Paul Lutheran School. Please make note that the date for the auction has been moved back a week this year.

Roller Skating: The students will have roller skating during recess and P.E. from February 20-26. We did this last year, and the students greatly enjoyed it.

Midnight Madness: Midnight madness will be held on February 20 from 6:30pm-12:00am. This event is for youth from 6th grade through high school. There will be roller skating, food, and nerf gun wars. Students who are interested can pick up a permission slip in the school office. You must have a form filled out for roller skating.

Spring Fundraiser: Our spring fundraiser will kick off on February 5th. We will be working with Aim Fundraising this year. Please watch for the information that will be sent home with each student on February 5th. This is the second of the two fundraisers that St. Paul does each year. It is very beneficial for our school if we have good participation from every school family. Please watch for the information to come home.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS AND VIEWS

In this month's Stewardship article, Luther's Small Catechism is highlighted. Luther's words guide us to all aspects of a Christ-centered life, including our individual and communal roles in stewardship. With that segue, please enjoy and ponder its message.

Table of Duties: The Forgotten Stewardship Tool

Luther's Small Catechism is a magnificent tool. Joined with a well-used copy of the Holy Scriptures and an orthodox hymnal, and the Christian is well equipped to live a life of faithfulness to the Lord and service to the neighbor. First in German and now in English and just about any language known to man, this handy masterpiece has introduced generations of people to the central doctrine of justification by grace, through faith, on account of Jesus Christ. The Six Chief Parts have proven to be a faithful framework for a clear confession of the truth of the Gospel for nearly five hundred years!

But more than a textbook, the Small Catechism also serves well as a handbook for Christian living. As a part of its treasure, there is an element that teaches an extraordinarily strong message of stewardship. That hidden treasure that needs to be rediscovered is called the Table of Duties.

The Table of Duties is really nothing more than a categorized gathering of Bible verses. These verses are set apart for "various holy orders and positions, admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities." Addressing pastors and people, government and citizens, husbands, wives, children, youth, workers and so many more, it very clearly lays out what faithful stewardship looks like. Even better, these assembled passages teach one important truth: we are stewards of one another!

The Table is much more than a "how-to" tool; it also lays out the interconnectedness that exists within the body of Christ. Pastors are described by what they are to be as stewards of the Word. 1 Timothy 3 highlights the characteristics of a faithful pastor. Even more, Titus 1 highlights the need for the pastor to be faithful for the sake of those under his care.

Those who hear the faithful preaching of the pastor are stewards of the pastor as well. 1 Corinthians 9 talks about the need for the people to support the livelihood of the pastor. Galatians 6 talks about how the hearers share in the good things that the pastor teaches. 1 Timothy 6 talks about the honor that is owed to the pastor, not because of WHO he is, but rather WHAT he is teaching! Hebrews 13 shows the impact of this stewardship on the pastor, that they perform their duties with joy. Joyful pastors and people are always going to be better stewards of the Gospel!

Outside the church this interdependent stewardship is on display as well. Romans 13 highlights the respect necessary for the governing authorities. As citizens, the faithful steward is called to pay taxes (Matthew 22), pray for their leaders (1 Timothy 2) and that they should be ready to serve in the civil realm (Titus 3), because they are in these positions by God's direction (1 Peter 2).

These steward duties are in the home too! 1 Peter 3 and Colossians 3 shape the husband steward. Ephesians 5 and 1 Peter 3 shape the wife steward. Ephesians 6 form parental stewards and child stewards.

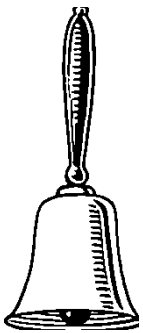
The Table of Duties is a wonderful place for the individual steward to learn how much our stewardship is more than just a "me and Jesus thing!" In fact, it ends

with these words: "Let each his lesson learn with care, and all the household well share fare." This is interdependent stewardship on clear display. As each learns stewardship in this way, the more faithful we will be as a family, congregations, communities and the church at large.

In Christ,
Debbie Delebreau, Candy Krohn, Hans Shin

St. Paul School and Sunday School have completed the 2nd Quarter offering project to Camp Luther. The children collected \$859 to send to Camp Luther. We are very fortunate to have this great camp in our North Wisconsin District and we also have our very own youth- Evan Peters working at the camp We pray for many blessings for Camp Luther. Our 3rd quarter offerings are going to The Garuna Kids. This program goes to the children who are attending Lutheran Schools in Cambodia and learning about Jesus.

St. Paul Scholarship Fund was established in 1977 to encourage our young people to attend Lutheran High, Synodical Colleges, and Synodical Seminaries. The scholarship fund is funded through Advent and Lenten Scholarship envelopes. The Lenten envelope will be placed in your pigeonhole this month. Ash Wednesday is February 18th. At the present time we have Micah Gray at N.E.W. Lutheran High and Kiley Gaedtke at Concordia University Wisconsin pursuing her parochial education degree. We would like to help these students as much as possible and hope for future students. Therefore, we would like to build up the Scholarship Fund. Please prayerfully consider giving a generous donation. The harvest is plenty; the workers are few.



Choir and Handbells

Join us! We need YOU to strengthen the Handbell and Vocal Choir ministries! Now is a great time to jump in for the Spring season. Come any Wednesday to try it out: Handbells at 6:15 and Vocal Choir at 7:00. Call or text Vashni Seitzer for questions: (920)676-8588.

QUILTING is on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please bring a lunch. We are asking for donations of large pieces of fabric, flat sheets for the back of quilts and blankets or throws, etc. for inside. Please bring these items to the meeting room.



Joshua Sommermeyer Accepts Divine Call as Executive Director

Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran High School (NEWLHS), an association high school of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, announces with thanksgiving that Joshua Sommermeyer has accepted the divine call to serve as our next Executive Director. He will assume his duties on July 1, 2026.

Mr. Sommermeyer was selected through a prayerful call process. He brings with him extensive experience as an administrator in Lutheran schools, most recently Pilgrim Lutheran School. He also has deep experience leading Lutheran association high schools along with a demonstrated commitment to Christ-centered education.

In his role as Executive Director, Mr. Sommermeyer will serve as the school's chief advancement, admissions, and administrative leader. His responsibilities will include leadership in development and fundraising, oversight of admissions and enrollment efforts, and partnership with association congregations to sustain the mission of NEW Lutheran High School. The NEW Lutheran High School community and Board of Directors give thanks to God for His guidance and humbly request your continued prayers.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

Lutherans For Life: Thank you for your clothing and monetary donations for Life Sunday and other events throughout the year. Fund disbursements will be voted on at our next meeting, which will be held on Monday, March 2nd at 6 PM in the meeting room at St. Paul. **Lutherans For Life** also offers help, healing, and forgiveness for anyone who bears the burden of overwhelming guilt through our 24-hour [Word of Hope](tel:888-217-8679) hotline ([888-217-8679](tel:888-217-8679)). This free service is available to men, women, and youths for information, referrals, and Scripture-based spiritual care to address life issues such as surprise pregnancy, abortion recovery, suicide, doubting salvation, and physician-assisted suicide.

Congratulation to all students, Great Job!

The coloring contest for our Day School and Sunday School students had a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate for each age group. Winners were chosen at the Sanctity of Life Sunday celebration held in gym after Sunday Service on January 18th. Winners were:

Colton Dahlke Pre K-5K

Owen Schley 1-3 grade

Makayla Koss 4-8



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

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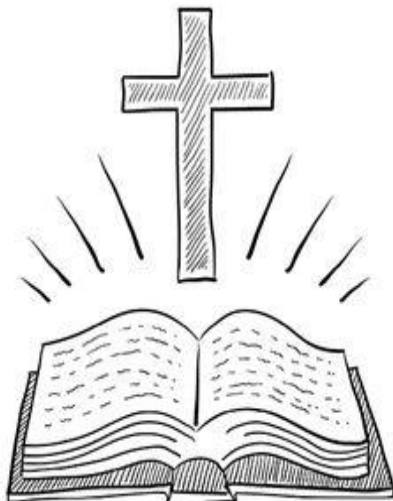
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VOTER'S & COUNCIL MEETING TIME CHANGES STARTING IN APRIL

At the January 12, 2026, St. Paul Council meeting, Council passed a motion making adjustments to the time of future Council and Voter's Meetings.

Quarterly Voters' meetings for the remainder of 2026 will be as follows:

Monday, January 26, 2026 - 7:30P

Monday, April 27, 2026 - 7P

Sunday, July 26, 2026 - Immediately following church service

Monday, Oct 26, 2026 - 7P

Note: January 2027 meeting will start at 7P.

Quarterly Council meetings for the remainder of 2026 will be as follows:

Monday, April 13, 2026 - 7P

Monday, July 13, 2026 - 7P

Monday, October 12, 2026 - 7P

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February 2026

FLOWER GUILD:
Tammy Aissen

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Science Fair/luncheon	2	3 Quilting 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	4 Chapel 8:15 am Special Guest Breakfast Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	5 Divine Service 7:30 pm	6	7
8 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am Super Sub Pick Up following service	9	10 Quilting 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	11 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Board of Christian Education Mtg 6:45 pm Choir 7:00 pm	12 Able Light Volunteer Day 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Worship Service 7:30 pm	13	14
15 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am	16	17 Quilting 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	18 Ash Wednesday/ Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Divine Service 7:30 pm	19 NO CHURCH SERVICE	20 Youth Midnight Madness 6:30 pm - Midnight	21
22 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am	23	24 Quilting 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	25 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	26 Worship Service 7:30 pm	27	28 Auction Beverly Gardens Doors Open 4 pm Dinner 5:30 pm Live Auction 7pm

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