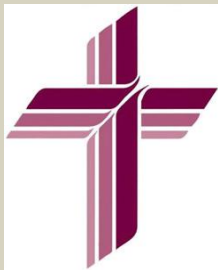


October 2026

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

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers." Psalm 24:1-2

The psalmist reminds us that the earth and everything in it belongs to the Lord. He is the one who created the world and everything in it belongs to Him. That is where the Christian's attitude toward possessions begins. We start by being reminded that all of the possessions that we have in this world are entrusted to us by God. We do not own them. We will only keep them for a relatively short period of time.

We marvel at all that our gracious God has entrusted to us. The simple truth of the matter is that St. Paul Lutheran Church is a very affluent congregation. There may be some in the congregation who struggle to provide daily necessities for themselves, but that is the exception. Most members of St. Paul Lutheran Church have all that they need to support this body and life and a whole lot more. If you disagree with me, I would be happy to sit down with you and inventory all of the blessings that God has entrusted to you. Most important, He has entrusted you with the very gift of salvation-something that can never be taken away.

It is important that we stop and consider all the Lord's blessings to us. It is when we see how God has blessed us that we will be moved to give thanks to Him for the gifts He has poured out on us. We will also be moved to be generous with the things that He has entrusted to us. It is when we understand that we will only possess the treasures of this world for a time that our understanding of how to use them changes. We desire to use the things of this world in service to God. God serves others through you.

The church's new budget kicked on the 1st of July. The church's budget is significantly impacted by the school. The school's budget is impacted by several factors, among those factors is enrollment and more specifically the number of voucher students. At current projections, the church will incur a \$30,000 deficit by the end of this budget year, assuming nothing changes. There are no significant spending cuts that can be made since the deficit is not the result of increased spending.

I am bringing this to your attention now in the hopes that each member of the congregation will give serious consideration to the work that our Lord has given to St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is my hope that each member will consider increasing their offerings now and avoid a significant budgetary shortfall later. St. Paul has 372 envelope numbers, or what you might refer to as giving units. From the first of July into September, 194 of those envelope numbers had given 0 dollars to the work of our Lord here at St. Paul. There were 45 additional envelope numbers that had given less than \$5.00 per week. I have no doubt that some in that number of 45 face significant financial pressures or have very limited financial resources, but I doubt that is the case for all. My point is that every member of the congregation needs to consider how God has blessed them and give thought and prayer to the needs of the church.

I have no doubt that the 133 remaining envelope numbers, or giving units, will answer our Lord's call to step up and respond to the church's needs. I can say that with confidence because they have always done so in the past. Some may say that they are people who have been entrusted with a large amount of worldly possessions. That may be for some, but I know that it is not true for all. Either way, it doesn't matter, because I am confident that there are people of significant wealth who are not in that group of 133. Each of us should look at how God has blessed us and consider what God expects of us.

In His service,
Pastor Olson

Sermon Texts and Titles

October 1 & 4: The sermon text for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost will be the Gospel reading from Matthew 21:33-46. The title of the sermon will be "Renters."

October 8 & 11: The sermon text for Pentecost 20 will be the Gospel reading from Matthew 22:1-14. The title of the sermon will be "Dinner's Ready."

October 15 & 18: The sermon text for Pentecost 21 will be the Gospel reading from Matthew 22:15-22. The title of the sermon will be "What Belongs to God?"

October 22 & 25: We will celebrate the Festival of the Reformation on this Sunday. The title of the sermon will be the epistle reading from Romans 3:19-28. The title of the sermon will be "The Right Mask." We see how God comes to us in His Law and exposes our sin. However, God also comes to us in His Gospel and covers us in the righteousness of Christ.

St. Paul Lutheran School

Excellence in Christ-centered Education

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. The 95 Theses were statements that protested the practice of selling indulgences. The sale of indulgences was the idea that you could purchase the forgiveness of sins. Luther, through his study of the Bible, discovered the truth that Jesus won the forgiveness of sins for us through His suffering and death on the cross. We are saved by grace through faith. We thank God for the blessings that He has poured out on our church body throughout the years.

Christian Education Sunday: The students will be singing in church on October 11. Following the 9:30 am service, there will be an open house at the school. There will be lunch in the school gym. There will also be a Scholastic book fair that day. This book fair is a special program that scholastic is doing for Christian schools. This means that the books that are for sale that day should support the values that we seek to instill at St. Paul.

End of the 1st Quarter: It feels like the school year just got started. Nonetheless, the last day of the 1st quarter is at the end of this month on October 29.

Sycamore: There have been many challenges in having to switch from Fast Direct to Sycamore right as the school year was starting. As expected, there have been some significant challenges and frustrations. The staff at St. Paul appreciate your patience and understanding. If you are having specific issues with the system, you can contact the school office, and we will seek to get a solution for you.

Picture Day: School pictures will be taken on October 6. Be sure to dress nicely and wear a smile!

Walk a thon: Thank you to all who supported the walk-a-thon. It was a huge success again this year. The walk-a-thon is one of the two fundraisers that St. Paul holds each year. This fundraiser, along with the spring fundraiser, helps St. Paul to provide an outstanding Christian education. It is great to see so many generous supporters give to this event.

Teacher News: The hallways of the school are once again filled with smiling faces and joyful voices as the first month of school comes to a close. We have been happy to be back with old friends and are excited to make new friends as well. Our theme for the school year is based on Galatians 5:22 - 23, and the Fruits of the Spirit. Each month we will focus on a different fruit that the Holy Spirit has filled us with. The month of September we focused on love. How God loves us, so we in turn can love one another. The students also had their first trip to the Algoma library this month to check out books. The end of September we took part in our annual Walk-a-Thon fundraiser. The students and staff headed to N.E.W. Lutheran High school to walk for all the donations made to the school. Thank you to everyone who generously donated! We look forward to a year filled with learning and so many more fun activities!



N.E.W. LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL AUCTION NEWS:

We received some very nice baskets from our churches last year - we were so appreciative!! We were hoping that once again this year, our Association churches would be willing to donate a large basket (or more) to our Auction.

The auction is being held on November 14th and we are celebrating not only our 250th year as a country but also our 50th school year of NEWLHS!! How exciting!

Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran H.S. (NEWLHS)
36th Annual Dinner and Auction
~ Saturday, November 14, 2026 ~
 held at Rock Garden Banquet & Conference Center ~ 1951 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303

CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS · 1977 - 2027

Dear Friend and Community Member:

In the fall of 1977, the first students walked into N.E.W. Lutheran High School. This school year — 2026–27 — is our fiftieth. Fifty years of Christian secondary education in this community, and not one of those years happened without businesses and neighbors who decided this school was worth supporting.

We will mark the anniversary in several ways this year, culminating in a celebration next May that closes out the first fifty years and turns us toward the next. The **36th Annual Dinner and Auction on Saturday, November 14**, is one of those gatherings — and our largest fundraising event of the year. We would like you to be part of it.

This year's theme is **Freedom** — "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1, ESV). It points to the freedom we want every family to have: to choose an education that forms a student's mind and faith together, whatever their circumstances. Our goal this year is **\$70,000**, and it goes directly to making that possible — roughly ½ of our families receiving the tuition assistance that lets their children attend.

There are three ways to partner with us:

Attend. Join us for an evening of fellowship, dinner, and generosity. Tickets are available at www.newlhs.com or by scanning the code above.

Donate an item, service, or monetary gift. To be recognized in the printed auction catalog, we ask that donations reach us by 10/29/26.

Become a Corporate Sponsor. Sponsors are recognized in the auction catalog, on our school website, and during the event's multimedia presentation. Levels are detailed in the enclosed brochure.

If you have a question, contact Kristin at yoskampk@newlhs.com. We would far rather answer a question than have you set this letter aside.

N.E.W. Lutheran High School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; your contribution is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Thank you for considering this. Fifty years of this school exist because people in this community kept saying yes. We hope to see you on November 14 — and to spend the next fifty years earning that support again.

In HIS Service,

Joshua Sommermeyer
Executive Director

Kristin Voskamp
Auction Chairperson

Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran High School
1311 S. Robinson Avenue . Green Bay . WI . 54311 920.469.6810

St. Paul Youth Group:

The St. Paul Youth Group will once again be selling Seroogy's candy bars and coffee leading up to this Holiday season. Order forms have been placed in your pigeon holes. Orders, along with payment, can be placed in the box in the back of the narthex. All orders are due by Sunday, October 25th and should be available for pickup around mid-November. Any questions, contact Jeremy Belter at [920-850-0675](tel:920-850-0675).

STEWARDSHIP NEWS AND VIEWS

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks."

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

In Christ,
Debbie Delebreau, Candy Krohn, Don Mullen

Lakeshore Lutheran for Life-

40 Days for Life

From Sept 23 through Nov 1, 2026, 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 email or call/text Christine (day shift coordinator) at [920-445-6371](#). If you text, please identify yourself.

Want to know more about the 40 Days Vigil, check out the website at www.40DaysforLife.com or check the

Fall 2026 40 Days for Life Preview Video (3:27) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2wiN-XkI8Q>

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

 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR



Dear Families,

Get ready-the **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school!

Dates: **October 5th - October 12th**

Location: **School Gym**

Family Event schedule and location: **Students sing in church on October 11th. After church come over and check out the BOOK FAIR and grab a hot dog for lunch!**

This is a great opportunity to build your child's home library with new books that will get them excited about reading, while also earning funds for our school. We can't wait to see you at the Fair and help every student discover a book they'll love! Happy reading!

Feed your Family better for less!
St. Paul receives 2% of all drop orders.



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Why Azure?

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We don't carry *anything* with harmful ingredients.

Our customers are a *community* of people pursuing health.

Delivery to St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Did you know ... that besides using SCRIP for Krohns, Ace Hardware, Ulta, Festival Foods, Menards, and all of the other typical businesses, this app also has great electronic giftcard opportunities. Hotels like Fairmont, Sheraton, Wyndham and Best Western, not to mention airlines like Southwest and Delta also have offers for Scrip electronic giftcards. Typical cruises can be purchased with a Scrip e-gift card also. Check out the raiseright.com website or the RaiseRight App to see how to take a great vacation and give back to St. Paul at the same time. It is a Win Win situation! RaiseRight App information is located in the back of church on blue paper or ask your SCRIP seller for the App information.



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Transaction Fees:

****\$0.29 for transactions to bank account**
 1% for transactions to debit card
 3% for transactions to credit card

Options

*eGift Cards

*Reloadable Gift cards
 *Physical gift cards (You will not receive the cards until St. Paul gets their monthly order)

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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THRIVENT CHOICE UPDATE

A Stronger Thrivent Choice Experience—Built for Greater Impact

Important program enhancements for enrolled organizations—and action items to ensure your organization is ready.

\$660M+

We've made a BIG impact with Thrivent Choice. Over \$660 Million in grant funding has been sent to enrolled organizations since 2010.

PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

What's New—and Why It Matters

The Thrivent Choice® program has been upgraded, making it even easier for Thrivent clients with membership to live generously and support organizations like yours.

✓ More members can support you

BEFORE

Select Thrivent members received Choice Dollars®

NOW

All 1.9M members receive Choice Dollars

More members + More Choice Dollars → More impact.
\$1 granted by Thrivent for each Choice Dollar directed.

✓ Members can act sooner

BEFORE

Choice Dollars accrued over time

NOW

Available in full at the start of the year

All 2026 Choice Dollars are available to direct now.
Encourage members to act today.

✓ Intuitive calendar year

BEFORE

Directions due by Mar 31

NOW

Members can direct anytime through Dec 31

Support for your mission when it matters most
— anytime during an intuitive calendar year.

\$ EFT deposit date change

Electronic fund transfers will now be issued on the **10th of the month** (or next business day), instead of the 5th. Please share this with your finance person.

Psalm 23 Word Search

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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.

Need a ride to church? Please notify the church office for a ride to and from church services.

Newsletter Deadline: the 21st of the month.

Join us on Facebook: Search for St. Paul Lutheran Church and School and **LIKE** us today!

>>> October 2026

Flower Guild: Candy Krohn

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Divine Service 7:30 pm	2	3
4 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am	5 Book Fair 5 th – 12 th	6 Book Fair 5 th – 12 th	7 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm Book Fair 5 th – 12 th	8 Worship Service 7:30 pm Book Fair 5 th – 12 th	9 Book Fair 5 th – 12 th	10
11 Bible Study/Sunday School 8:30 am Day School Sing & Book Fair Worship Service 9:30 am	12 <u>Columbus Day</u> Book Fair 5 th – 12 th	13	14 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm Handbells 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm	15 Divine Service 7:30 pm	16	17
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Scrip for sale Thursday evening 7:15-7:30 and Sunday mornings after service for 15-20 minutes