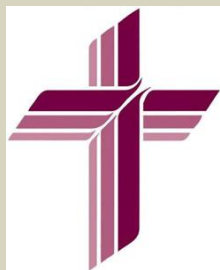


September 2026

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 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart." Deuteronomy 6:5-6

I would encourage you to read the entire section of Deuteronomy 6:4-9. I always refer to those words in some format at this time of the year. If you read them through, you will be able to see why. Those words talk, as clearly as any other passage of Scripture, about our attitude toward the Word of God. At this time of the year, our attention is focused in a very specific way on hearing and learning God's Word: Sunday School resumes, confirmation instruction starts up, and adult Bible study begins.

I was reading an article over the summer that was talking about the challenges that families, and certainly also individuals, face when it comes to living out their faith in our world today. As Christians, we understand how essential the Word of God is for us when it comes to keep our faith strong and vibrant...or do we? The author of the article stated that what most people in churches today consider "the gold standard" of going to church every week, which for many is less than once a week, is not adequate. The words from Deuteronomy six impress us that the Word of God is to be constantly present in our lives. The extended reading from Deuteronomy six gives us the clear picture of families not just being in church together but talking about that Word of God as we sit at home, as we walk on the road (I suppose we might say driving to various places today), before bed, and when we get up in the morning.

Another study that I saw some time back talked about various factors that have an impact on whether children continue in the faith of their parents. The study said that one of the things that has a substantial impact on faith formation is when parents talk to their children about their faith. When is the last time that you spoke to someone about the hope that you have in Jesus? Talk to your family about the promises that you have in Jesus. That may actually have a greater impact than any other conversation you might have in regard to your faith.

Another opportunity for growing in your knowledge of God's Word is adult Bible study. Sunday morning adult Bible study is a great opportunity to grow in your knowledge of God's Word.

In His service,
Pastor Olson

Sermon Texts and Titles

September 3 & 6:

The sermon text for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost will be the Gospel reading from Matthew 18:15-20. The title of the sermon will be "Jesus' Strategy for Winning." In the words of our Gospel reading, Jesus gives us the steps of church discipline. He tells us what we are supposed to do when we see a fellow Christian caught in sin. We at times see things in the church in terms of winning. Jesus shows us what winning should look like in the church. He tells us that our goal is to win our fellow believer over. Our goal is to bring about reconciliation in the church.

September 10 & 13:

The text for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost will be our Gospel reading from Matthew 18:21-35. The title for the sermon will be "What Comes Next?" We see in our Gospel reading for this week that Peter has a question about what Jesus told the disciples when it came to someone sinning against them. In our Gospel reading this Sunday, it appears that Peter wants to put a limit on the forgiveness that he is supposed to show to others. Jesus is dealing with what comes after someone sins against you. Jesus is talking about demonstrating forgiveness to others in more than words. Jesus shows us that the only way that we can show true forgiveness toward others is when we realize the debt of sin that our Heavenly Father has forgiven us. We realize that the debt that has been forgiven to us by God is far greater than the debt that others may owe to us.

September 17 & 20:

The text for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost will be the Gospel reading from Matthew 20:1-16. The title for the sermon will be "The Comparison Trap." Jesus tells us a story in our Gospel reading to help us understand the generosity of God. We are told about the owner of a vineyard who calls people to work at different times of the day but gives everyone the same pay. What Jesus is showing us in this parable is that the kingdom of God does not work the way that we at times think it should. Jesus is showing us that God gives all of us far more than we deserve.

September 24 & 27:

The sermon text for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost will be the Gospel reading from Matthew 21:23-32. The title of the sermon will be "No Calculations. We see that the religious leaders ask Jesus a question, and He responds by asking them a question. We see that they are unable to answer the question because they have a calculated faith. Jesus invites us to simply follow Him without calculating.

St. Paul Lutheran School News

Excellence in Christ-centered education for now and eternity

2026-2027 Theme: The theme for the school year is "Fruits of the Spirit." The theme will be based on Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." We will look at the fruits that the Holy Spirit works in our lives as He comes to us in His Word. Having been given faith, we know that the Holy Spirit continues to work in our lives.

First Day of School: The 2026-2027 school year will begin on September 1. Our opening chapel service will be at 8:30 that morning. Parents and members of the congregation are always invited to join us in chapel. The chapel services, following the opening chapel service on September 1, are on Wednesday mornings at 8:15.

Annual Walk-a-thon Fundraiser: The annual Walk-a-thon fundraiser will take place on September 25. The students will join together with other Lutheran schools as they walk to raise money for their school. The event has been a great blessing for our school in past years. Please contact the school office if you need more information on how to contribute to this event.

Attendance: In the State of Wisconsin, school attendance is compulsory. This applies to public as well as private schools. You can review Wisconsin Statute 118.15 as well as 118.16 for more information. In short, the statutes state that any child between ages 6 and 18 is required to be in school. "Habitual Truancy" is defined as a child being absent from school without an acceptable excuse for 5 or more days of school in a semester. It should also be noted that a student may not be excused from school for more than 10 days in a school year. When a student surpasses this number, the school is required to contact the parents and notify them of this. The statute also defines circumstances in which the school is required to make a truancy referral. School attendance is important for your child's success. Please make every effort to have your child in school.

From Fast Direct to Sycamore: Fast Direct went out of business shortly before the start of the school year. St. Paul has transitioned to Sycamore in a short amount of time. Please be patient as we make this adjustment.

St. Paul Lutheran School Teacher News

Welcome back to school!! Our theme this year is Galatians 5:22, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Our school has been prepped for the new school year! Walls have been washed. The floors have been waxed and cleaned. The hallways emptied. The teachers have been working hard getting classrooms ready for the students to return and new students to start. Soon students' footsteps and voices will fill the halls and classrooms. We are blessed at this school! In the craziness of this world, we can be assured that we are firm in our faith in Christ and have the promise of eternal life because of His life, death, and resurrection! As we share this with our students, we look forward to an exciting year of growing and learning together. God's blessings on everyone as the new school year begins!



NEW Lutheran High Update

The theme for the year is "Protected and Prepared!" Paul's charge in Ephesians 6 to put on the whole armor of God. It suits a 50th year Celebration and a year of transition equally well. The armor is issued to us, not manufactured by us: we are protected first and prepared second, and in that order.

The 2026/27 school year started on Wednesday, August, 19th for the new Freshman class and Senior class. Thursday was first day classes for remainder of returning students. Enrollment stands at 54 new students and 145 total for 26/27.

Installation of Josh Sommermeyer, as executive Director, was held on Sunday, August 23rd at the 9:30 church service at Hope Lutheran, DePere.

The 36th Annual Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 14 at Rock Gardens, with a \$70,000 goal for tuition assistance.

Please remember to use the giving envelopes labeled "NEW Lutheran High School" from your church packet. This goes to pay our Association dues to NEW Lutheran High School.

Lakeshore Lutherans for Life:

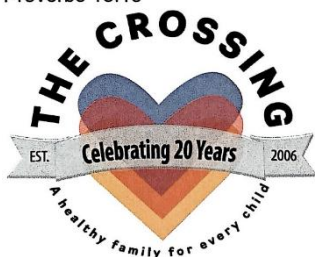
Thank you to all who supported the Change for Life baby bottle collection. We Just received this update from The Crossing.

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful to share that your church raised **\$850.39** through this year's Baby Bottle Campaign!

As a valued partner of The Crossing, your church helps make it possible for families in our community to find encouragement, practical help, and compassionate care when they need it most. Every gift represents a family being supported and reminded that they are not alone.

Matthew 25:40
Proverbs 18:15



Thank you for standing with The Crossing and helping us **Change a Life**. We are truly grateful for your church's partnership, generosity, and commitment to the families we serve.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Lori
Lori A. Yeager
Development Director



STEWARDSHIP NEWS AND VIEWS

LCMS Stewardship Ministry - Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For, giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living have on us. When we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, "How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others?" to asking the question, "What have they done for me lately?" We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, nor do we become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the Divine Nature. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

In Christ,
Debbie Delebreau, Candy Krohn, Don Mullen

WORLD RELIEF COLLECTION:

We will be collecting Personal Care Kits, School Kits and bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief until **September 20**. There are sheets in the narthex listing the items for each of the kits. You need to complete the entire kit. Please place the completed kits in the container in the narthex.

Personal Care Kit:

- 1 Light weight bath size towel. 20" x 40" or 52" x 27"
- 2 bath size (4 to 5 oz.) any brand bars of bath soap
in original wrapping
- 1 Adult size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 Sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 Metal nail clipper

WRAP ALL THE ITEMS IN THE TOWEL AND TIE SECURELY WITH RIBBON OR YARN.

School Kit:

- 1 Sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag,
approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps
(no standard backpacks)
- 4 - 70 sheet notebooks of wide ruled or college ruled
paper, approximately 8" x 10.5" (no loose leaf paper)
- 1 Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 - 30 centimeter ruler (can have inches on the other side)
- 1 personal pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors)
- 5 Unsharpened No.2 pencils with erasers
(secure together with a rubber band)
- 5 Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 eraser 2 ½ inch long

PLACE ALL SCHOOL ITEMS IN THE DRAWSTRING BACKPACK

If you have any questions, contact Lori Prahll (920)609-1354. Thank you



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****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

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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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.

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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.

Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

Noah's Ark

Word Search

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BIBLE

BRANCH

BUILD

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DOVE

FLOOD

FORTY DAYS

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Newsletter Deadline: the 21st of the month.

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FLOWER GUILD: Darlene Kudick

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 First Day of School Chapel 8:30 am	2 Confirmation 5:30 pm	3 Divine Service 7:30 pm	4	5
6 Divine Service 9:30 am	7 <u>Labor Day</u>	8	9 Chapel 8:15 am Confirmation 5:30 pm	10 Worship Service 7:30 pm	11	12
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Scrip for sale Thursday evening 7:15-7:30 and Sunday mornings after service for 15-20 minutes