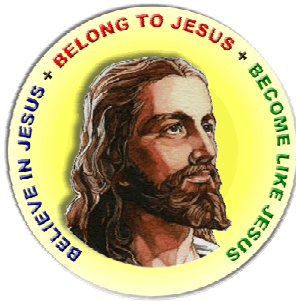


St. Paul's Lutheran Church

509 Milwaukee Avenue

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May 2025 Newsletter

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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Church Office 528-8094

Pastor Richard M. Bidinger 528-8881

Jen Schneider-Secretary 980-2057

Tessa Shirley/Katherine Arbuckle- Organist

Sunday Services 7:30 am & 10:00 am

(Winter Schedule September-May)

Sunday 8:30 am & Thursday 6:30 pm

(Summer Schedule May-September)

Sunday School 8:30 am September-May



¹³*Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution
whether it be to the emperor as supreme,*

¹⁴*or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil
and to praise those who do good.*

¹⁵*For this is the will of God, that by doing good
you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.*

¹⁶*Live as people who are free,
not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil,
but living as servants of God.*

¹⁷*Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood.
Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

– 1 Peter 2:13-17

May is an interesting month,
full of diverse activities at St. Paul's.

- ★ May 4th is Confirmation Sunday;
- ★ May 11th is Mother's Day;
- ★ May 18th is Celebration Sunday,
the last Sunday of the 2024-2025 academic year
for Sunday School;
- ★ May 25th is Memorial Day weekend,
when we remember the fallen
who were willing to sacrifice their lives
to defend our nation.

What an interesting collection of events!

What is most interesting about all of these
is that they do have something in common!
Do you know what that is?

Simply put, the Fourth Commandment.

OK pastor, what does that mean?

In the Fourth Commandment

"Honor your father and your mother",
God teaches us to honor

all those in authority over us,

as Luther stated in his explanation that we should,

*"honor them, serve and obey them,
love and respect them."*

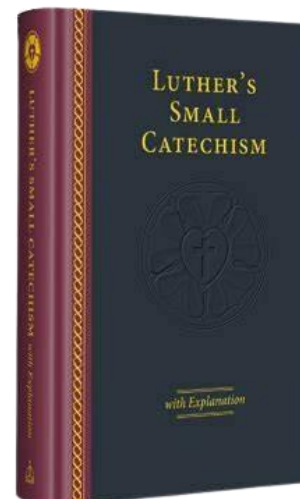
Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has His 'under-shepherds!'

God has appointed representatives on earth
and entrusted to them certain responsibilities.

- ★ To parents as God's representatives,
God has assigned the duty
not only to care for the bodily needs
of their children [food, clothes, education],
but their spiritual nurturing as well.
[Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25; Ephesians 6:4]
- ★ To the Church as God's representative,
God has assigned the duty
to teach His Word
as the Church has received it from Him.
This is done in the preaching ministry,
as well as in Sunday School and Confirmation Classes.
[Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 4:1-2]
- ★ To the government as God's representative,
God has assigned the duty
to maintain law & order in society,
to protect the citizens from bodily harm.
[Romans 13:1-7]

As each authority entrusted by God with certain responsibilities
does their duty faithfully in accordance with God's design,
each person, the church, and society, prosper,
as God declared in the Fourth Commandment:

*"Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long in the land
that the Lord your God is giving you."* – Exodus 20:12



Calendar Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 1

Worship 6:30 pm

Board of Education 7:30 pm

Sunday, May 4

Confirmation 10:00 am

Monday, May 5

Board of Trustees 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 7

7th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

Thursday, May 8

LWML Mother's Day Get Together 11:00 am

Worship 6:30 pm

Monday, May 12

Board of Elders 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 14

8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

Thursday, May 15

Worship 6:30 w/HC

Sunday, May 18

Sunday School Celebration Sunday

Monday, May 19

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Wednesday, May 21

7th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

Thursday, May 22

Worship 6:30 pm w/HC

Thursday, May 29

Worship 6:30 pm w/HC



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| 1 | Reese Czerwinski |
| | Tammie Taylor |
| 2 | William Flunker |
| | Jake Shovan |
| 5 | Susan Gandrey |
| 6 | Richard Taylor |
| 7 | Shelby Ogreenc |
| 9 | Jayce Karmasin |
| 10 | Kenneth Breit |
| 16 | Brook Breit |
| 17 | Jerry Weinhold |
| | Keith Broetzmann |
| 18 | Brandon Schultz |
| 19 | Keith Meredith |
| 20 | Kalvin Bliesner |
| 21 | Mary Trakel |
| | Chris Meredith |
| 28 | Isabelle Arbuckle |
| 30 | Dillion Meredith |
| 31 | Jonathan Breit |

REMINDER: Announcements for the bulletin are due by noon on Wednesdays. Announcements can be emailed to stpaulscascade@hotmail.com or call the church office 528-8094 or you can leave a hand written note and put in the holder outside of the office.

List of Homebound members to keep in our Prayers

Doris Krahn-Plymouth, Louella Raabe-Plymouth, Marion Hefter & Sherry-Cascade, Cola Schneider-Plymouth, Brenda Schultz-Cascade, David Hartmann-Progressive, Mike Long-Plymouth

Going to Church for the "Right" reasons.

We are called to attend church by God. We are to use our time and our blessings to strengthen our selves in our faith walk as well as lift others up who are struggling.

Other reasons we are to attend church is to fellowship with other believers who are to help us stay strong. The last thing we want to do is drive anybody away because they don't feel like that is happening in the church.

If you feel the church or its members are not living up to their end of the faith walk, we should be helping them, not tearing them down.

Please use your God giving talents to help build our church and continue the path of righteousness. We are here to do one thing and that's bring as many people to Jesus as we can before he comes back. Don't be caught sleeping.



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| 13 | Garry & Donna TenPas |
| | Willard & Mary Trakel |
| 15 | Keith & Chris Meredith |
| 23 | Levi Jr. & Jennifer Melius |
| 24 | Keith & Jessica Haak |

General Fund To Date

Offerings \$36,953.00

Expenses

Ministry \$18,700

Salaries \$4,110.00

Supplies \$454.96

Utilities \$5,025.03

Payroll Taxes \$1363.16

Building Insurance \$4,501.00

Total \$34,156.15



**Neat Repeats can be found at 2627 Eastern Ave.,
Plymouth**

Tuesdays-Friday 9:30a-5p, Saturday 9:30a-4p

4/29-5/3 Linens 50% Off

5/6-5/10 Lamps 50% Off

5/13 30% Off Everything in the Store

5/14-5/17 Shoes & Socks 50% Off



**Reminder: Service times are 7:30 am and
10:00 am on Sundays. Thursday Services
6:30 pm.**

Starting May 25 8:30 am Sundays.

Great Marriages Upcoming Events

Understanding & Healing Triggers Through the Compassion
Method

Saturday, May 31, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Register at: www.great-marriages.org/events

We all experience triggers—those intense emotional
reactions that seem to take over in an instant. But what if
instead of feeling powerless to them, you could understand
and heal them? In this workshop, you will learn how to move
beyond reactive emotions and into a place of self-awareness,
healing, and lasting peace.

Come ready to engage, reflect, and take ownership of your
emotional well-being!

Location: Great Marriages Office, 612 Center Ave, Sheboygan

Speakers: Marissa Jensen Prentice and Jeff Prentice

Cost: \$20/person (includes dinner)

2025 Confirmands

Shelby Ogreenc

Nickname—Shelbs

Parents— Steve & Samantha Ogreenc

Grade— 9th

Current School— Sheboygan Falls High School

My Likes & Hobbies are— riding horses, painting, crafts, frogs,
my dog Wilson, swimming, playing the clarinet and
photography.

How will I help my church after Confirmation—
By leading by example to the younger generation

Bible Verse—Colossians 2:6-7,

"6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and
established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in
thanksgiving."

Allana Jimenez

Nickname—None

Parents—Crystal Annis

Grade— 9th

Current School—Plymouth High School

My Likes & Hobbies are— Sports, Shopping and Arts & Crafts.

How will I help my church after Confirmation—
By helping and volunteering with Youth Group

Bible Verse— Colossians 3:17,

"17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in
the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father
through Him."

Easton Marquardt

Nickname—Little Richard

Parents—Kurt & Sheila Marquardt

Grade— 9th

Current School— Plymouth High School

My Likes & Hobbies are—fishing, hunting, cows, farming, and
fire fighting.

How will I help my church after Confirmation—
Be a Chili Guy

Bible Verse—Proverbs 3:5-6

, "5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean
on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make straight your paths."



Thursday April 10, 2025, President Linda Fischer called the meeting to order. Pastor Bidingler led us in the devotion What an Opportunity, followed by a prayer.

Roll Call was taken with 11 members in attendance - Linda, Gail, Jen, Karen, Nydia, Bev, Diane, Patti, Betty J. Betty P., and Jodi.

Jodi Schultz, Secretary read last month's minutes and were approved as read.

Karen Marquardt, Treasurer reported a checkbook balance of \$2,186.84.

Unfinished Business:

- Lenten meal on Thursday March 27th, went well.
- Zone 7 Spring Rally - Tuesday April 15th, registration starting at 4:30 p.m., a meal at 5 p.m. and program starting at 5:30 p.m. It will be held in the upper fellowship hall. Someone from The Gathering Place plans to come speak and we will be collecting Gifts from the Heart donations that will be going to their various activities. Linda will donate the meat and Karen will make and donate the rest of the ingredients for the Hot Tamales/Sloppy Joe's. Others signed up to bring side dishes and rolls. Meet at 3:30 to set up.
- Portals of Prayers were handed out to all the members, with extras for others.
- Easter Breakfast, April 20th – Set up and prep on Sat. April 19th at 10am. SPY plans to help out on Sunday. Meet at 5:30am Sunday to start preparing breakfast.
- Easter Flowers will be set up by Linda, Jen and Betty J. after the service on Friday afternoon.
- Servant event project - Sunday April 6th from 11-2, went well.

New Business:

- Karen read and passed around thank you's and mail received this month.
- Karen passed around voting sheets to all of our group members, we need to look over and pick our top 10, she will then tally our votes and she will be voting at the National

Convention in June, she asked to please get them back to her by May 15th.

- Karen passed out forms for nominations for the LWML SWD upcoming elections.

- Karen gave us information on a few different ways we can donate for the National LWML Convention in June.

- Mother's Day Celebration will be on Thursday May 8th. Gail will make reservations at Riverdale in Sheboygan at 11:30am. She is also planning to make information for bulletins. Linda is planning on donating flowers.

- There was discussion about purchasing carnation flowers to handed out to all Mother's in attendance at all 3 of the church services. A motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase 40 carnations to hand out for Mother's Day.

- Karen will call in the order and the bill will be submitted to our group. We can use the flowers on the Altar for all services and if any remaining flowers are left we could use them for next week's flowers on the altar.

- The next Card making Servant Event planned is now canceled due to the availability of both halls are booked already.

- Rocky Knoll appreciation party at Rocky Knoll on May 2nd, a few members plan to attend. RSVP info was printed on our agenda.

- Cakes for Rocky Knoll May Birthdays will be on May 21st – Karen & Diane plan to bake and deliver.

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to give \$100 each to Cascade Lion's Club, Plymouth Lion's Club, Camo Quilt Project, St. Paul's SPY, Sheboygan Salvation Army Bed and Bread.

- We had a short discussion about the Mother's Day Luncheon and a motion was made, seconded and carried to invite Jenny Bidingler and pay for her meal if she attends.

We closed the meeting with the LWML Pledge.

Jodi Schultz, Secretary

QUARTERLY MEETING

APRIL 27, 2025

Pastor Bidinger opened the meeting with prayer. 15 members were in attendance.

The annual Cemetery Assoc. meeting was held prior to our quarterly meeting.

Minutes of the January 20, 2025 meeting were read. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept.

Mike S gave the Treasure's Report. When Mike and Patti Z. worked on the 2024 audit, they found a few minor discrepancies (\$335.94). They were corrected and all is accounted for. A motion was then made, seconded, and carried. He also stated our water bill has finally been reduced from \$460 a quarter to \$150.

BUSINESS:

OFFICIAL ACTS (02/01-/25 – 03/31/25)

Transfer In:

Samantha Bauer 02-09-25

Neva Bauer 02-09-25

Mathias Bauer 02-09-25

Transfer Out:

Michael DeGroff 03-02-2025 to St. John Lutheran, Plymouth

Susan DeGroff 03-02-2025 to St. John Lutheran, Plymouth

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to grant the transfers out.

Release:

Julie Pyka 01/29/25

BOARD OF ELDERS:

Reminder that summer service at 8:30 AM will start Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day weekend.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Fellowship boiler has been installed and came in slightly under budget. They still need to purchase a few spindles for the parsonage deck. Spring cleanup has been done.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

One scholarship has been given out to Brandon Schultz for \$500. They are still looking for a VBS leader.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Jen S reported that Jesus figures placed all over went well. The board is working on another mailer to be mailed out before Sunday School begins in the Fall. They are also working on a new membership list and pictorial directory with Patti. Pictorial directory for 2026 anniversary and new membership list each year.

THRIVENT:

Patti reported that we only received \$1,830 from Thrivent for 2024 which ended March 31, 2025. Thrivent committee paid \$500 to the Pine Haven Chorus.

OTHER:

Betty Johnston asked where the \$825 month, if funds are available, for Pastor's retirement would show up in Special Funds. It was decided to change the name "STAFF" account to "RESERVE", Nothing has been put in so far.

Mike S. also suggested we separate the secretary/treasurer name since Jen S. is doing most of the secretary work. Mike would still do the treasurer part. Members agree,

There was no other business. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Diane Pietsch, Secretary

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2025

Present at the meeting were Kathy B, Margie A, Jenny B, Steve O, Kennedy A, and Pastor. Meeting started at 7:34pm SPY kids are planning a pancake breakfast in the Fall.

Palm Sunday slides to go along with services as it was well received in the past.

The Board of Ed has fellowship for the month of May.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

Next meeting date May 1st, 2025, at 7:30p

Elder's Minutes

April 14th 2025 Elder's meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by chairman Francis. Members present were Francis, Peter, Dan, Pastor, and Tim via speaker phone. Pastor opened with a prayer.

There were no official acts since our last meeting. Pastor had 8 private communion visits for the month. Pastor informed us that Confirmation will be the first Sunday in May with three confirmands expected to be confirmed.

We discussed whom will be assisting Pastor with communion during the upcoming special Holy Week services. Pastor informed us that some of the youth will be doing a skit during the Maundy Thursday service.

After Easter, the Thursday evening worship services will be held in the main church building.

Francis informed us that the Elders are responsible for fellowship refreshments this month.

We discussed minimum worship service attendance and tracking of confirmation students for the future. This was tracked in the past but hasn't been while COVID rules were enacted. We would like to get back to this to encourage worship service attendance by students and families.

Pastor reminded us that at the next voter's meeting the summer worship schedule should be proposed. We suggest continuing with one service at 8:30 AM on Sunday mornings in the summer as we did last year, (in addition to the Thursday evening service), but the voter's can discuss and decide.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted;
Dan Schultz

Board of Trustees

The board of trustees meeting was held April 1st at 6:30 pm. Present were Nate, Randy, Anthony, Frank, and Mark.

Old Business:

The trustee's spring cleaning day will be April 19th at 8:00 am.

New Business:

We discussed and agreed that Mike Schneider will be continuing the church treasurer position and Jen Schneider will now be the secretary. The jobs and pay will be split accordingly. This is just to clarify they shared these jobs in the past and that it's no longer necessary.

We will be changing our meeting dates to the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm
Mark Schultz, Secretary

Mother's Day Prayer

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
AMEN.
faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY in our own backyard



Please donate a food item each month to St. Paul's Youth Group (SPY) 50 bag project. One food category will be highlighted each month, but feel free to donate as the Holy Spirit leads you. Collection boxes are located in our Fellowship Hall and in back of church.

Suggested item for April is Peanut Butter & Jelly. All food items are welcome.

Matthew 25: 34-40

34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'



Heavenly Father, as our nation celebrates Memorial Day, help those to remember the members of the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance. Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness on this country. If it is your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry. Most of all, we pray that you would turn the hearts of all – military and civilian – to your holy Word where we find the true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant of sin. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace. In the name of Jesus, our Savior, and Your beloved Son, who alone gives this peace and hope for eternity, we pray. Amen.

Meals on Wheels

Do know someone who has difficulty getting out of the house? Consider referring them to Fresh Meals On Wheels. Our verified volunteers deliver fresh homemade meals Monday through Friday (and if you know of anyone who'd like to deliver meals for an hour a month, please call us!). We offer seven medically-tailored diets, and folks get a choice daily. We serve people of all ages and income levels. To learn more, please call Meals On Wheels at 920-451-7011 or visit FreshMealsOnWheels.org.

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President-Fred Arbuckle	917-4242
Vice President-Todd Triebensee	838-4888
Secretary-Diane Pietsch	528-8668
Treasurer-Mike Schneider	980-5760
Financial Secretary-Betty Johnston	528-8041

Board of Education

Steve Ogreenc (Chr)	980-2029
Kathy Breitt (Sec)	
Kennedy Arbuckle	447-2725
Sunday School Coordinator	
Margie Arbuckle	838-0027

Board of Elders

Francis Arbuckle (Chr)	254-1918
Dominic Kowalczyk	262-675-4850
Dan Schultz(Sec)	287-5187
Tim Fenske	980-2861
Peter Wegman	254-9698

Board of Trustees

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Frank Arbuckle (co-Chair)	447-2215
Ron Truitt	921-3520
Mark Schultz (Sec)	892-6597
Anthony Bliesner	946-3062
Randy Pietsch	528-8480

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Judy Doherty	547-8497
Felicia Beck	659-0484
Peggy Wiehr	893-8812
Ann Simonsen	528-7250
Jen Schneider (Sec)	980-2057

Thrivent Committee

Patti Zimmerman (Chr)	528-7228
Bev Hinz	994-4935
Diane Pietsch	528-8668
Ann Simonsen	528-7250
Peggy Wiehr	893-8812
Raylean Triebensee	528-8670

LWML

President-Linda Fischer & Funeral Meal Coordinator	893-5117
Vice President-Jen Schneider	980-5760
Secretary-Jodi Schultz	960-5512
Treasurer-Karen Marquardt	917-0386

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Jenny Biding	917-5296
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Cemetery President

Randy Pietsch	528-8480
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