**St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**

509 Milwaukee Avenue

Cascade, WI 53011

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**August 2025 Newsletter  
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**

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Email-stpaulscascade@hotmail.com

Website-www.stpaulslcmscascade.org

Church Office 528-8094

Pastor Richard M. Bidinger 528-8881

Tessa Shirley & Katherine Arbuckle-Organist

Come join us for worship on

Sunday 8:30 am

Thursday 6:30 pm  
 (Summer Schedule May-September)

Sunday Services 7:30 am & 10:00 am

Thursday 6:30 pm   
(Winter Schedule September-May)

Sunday School 8:30 am September-May

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*14Do all things without grumbling or disputing,*

*15that you may be blameless and innocent,*

*children of God without blemish*

*in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation,*

*among whom you shine as lights in the world,*

*16holding fast to the word of life,* …

– Philippians 2:14-16

A hand holding a piece of wood

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When selecting pieces of wood

      for a project,

   the carpenter looks

    for pieces that are straight,

         -- without knots or splits.

Wood that is “warped” and “twisted”

is “out of shape” and unusable.

Warped, twisted, crooked wood

leaves the house, the furniture,

uneven, unlevel, weak, unacceptable.

**Do People and Wood**

**Have Something in Common?**

What is the standard for people,

   for every individual,

      in “fitting in”, “coming together”,

         “having stability”?

God created man in “His image”,

as righteous and loving,

“...blameless, innocent, without blemish”.

Love, righteousness,

makes for strong, binding relationships.

In Christ, God renews His image in us,

creating us anew as righteous.

The challenge every Christian faces,

is to live out of faith

as the righteous and loving person

the Holy Spirit leads and empowers

God’s people to become.

*12Put on then, as God's chosen ones,*

*holy and beloved,*

*compassionate hearts, kindness, humility,*

*meekness, and patience,*

*13bearing with one another*

*and, if one has a complaint against another,*

*forgiving each other;*

*as the Lord has forgiven you,*

*so you also must forgive.*

*14And above all these put on love,*

*which binds everything together*

*in perfect harmony.*  – Colossians 3:12-14

How blessed to be created anew in Christ!

**The Master Woodworker**

God’s people are to be examples

of His grace and His power...

• His grace, as God in His love takes

   what is “warped, twisted” and creates it anew;

• His power, as God does for us

   what we cannot do for ourselves.

Warped, twisted wood, does not fit together.

   Likewise, warped, twisted people,

      people who think and act contrary

   God and His image

   don’t get along, fighting and hurting

one another.

As our culture sinks lower and lower

into the acceptance and approval

of all manner of “warped” and “twisted”

practices and behavior,

how important for God’s people

to “shine as lights”, revealing how

God’s love and God’s power

can overcome the evil of sin

all people inherit from Adam.

The darker the world around us becomes,

the brighter God’s love

at work in His people shines out!



**August Dates to Remember**

**Sunday, August 3**

Worship 8:30a w/ Holy Communion

**Monday, August 4**  
 Board of Trustees meeting 7:30p

**Thursday, August 7**

Worship 6:30p w/ Holy Communion

**Sunday, August 10**

Worship 8:30a w/ Holy Communion

VBS Planning meeting 6:30p

**Monday, August 11**

VBS set-up 5:30p-7:30p  
 Elder’s Meeting 6:30p

**Wednesday, August 13**

VBS set-up 5:30p-7:30p

**Thursday, August 14**

LWML meeting 10:00a

Worship 6:30p w/ Holy Communion

**Sunday, August 17**

Worship 8:30a w/ Holy Communion

**Monday, August 18**

Vacation Bible Study 6:00p-8:00p

**Tuesday, August 19**

Vacation Bible Study 6:00p-8:00p

**Wednesday, August 20**

Vacation Bible Study 6:00p-8:00p

**Thursday, August 21**

Vacation Bible Study 6:00p-8:00p

Worship 6:30p w/ Holy Communion

**Friday, August 22**

Vacation Bible Study 6:00p-8:00p

**Sunday, August 24**

Worship 8:30a w/ Holy Communion

Board of Ed/ Teachers meeting 6:30p  
**Monday, August 25**

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**Thursday, August 28**

Worship 6:30p w/ Holy Communion

**Sunday, August 31**

Worship 8:30a w/ Holy Communion

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

**Monday August 18- Friday August 22**

Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, Sept 7th**

1st day of Sunday School

Parent/student meeting 8:45a

Outdoor worship and meal 10:00a

**Saturday, September 20th**

St. Paul’s team at Alzheimer’s Walk

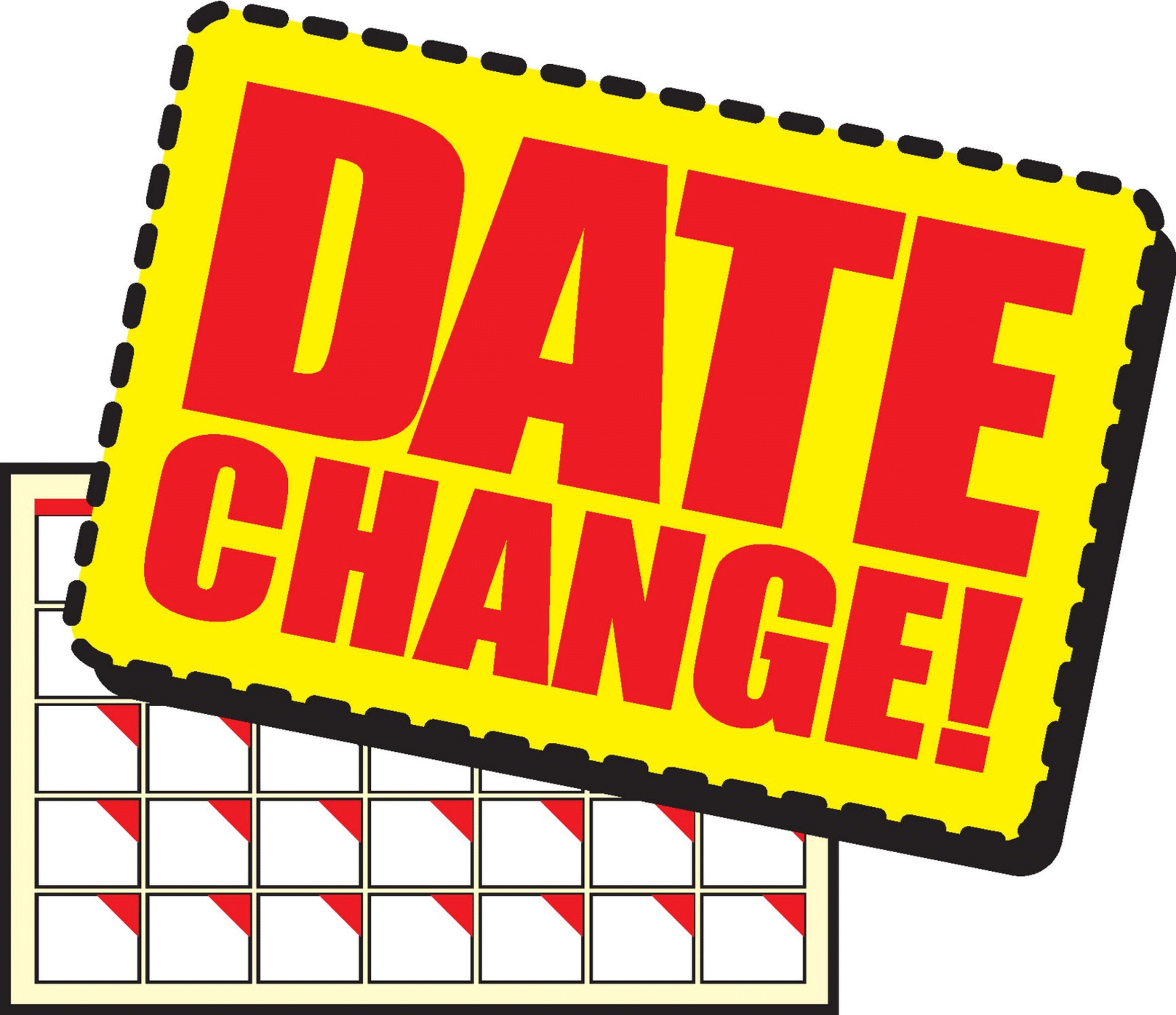
**Sunday, October 19th**

Voter’s Assembly meeting after 2nd

Service 11:15am

**Thursday, October 9- Saturday, October 11**

Pictures taken by Harmann Studios taking pictures for Pictorial directory



The St. Paul LWML Ladies would like to let everyone know that the annual Rummage sale that would be held this Labor Day weekend will not be that weekend. We will be changing to spring. Stay tune for details.



1 Nancy Rosche

Gabe Meredith

6 Jean Flunker

7 Allen Hellmer

8 Kurt Marquardt

11 Emily Melius

12 Jeffrey Seider (70)

Tim Block

Jen Schneider (50)

13 Matthew Schultz

14 Levi Melius Jr.

16 Todd Triebensee

Jennifer Taylor

19 Sherry Carolan

20 Cheyenne Kowalczyk

24 Brooke Wegner

Braxley Leonard

25 ViVina Falk

26 Lily Marquardt

27 Holly Green

Kimberly Czerwinski

28 Beckham Rosenberger

29 Alyssa Schultz

Tony Capelle

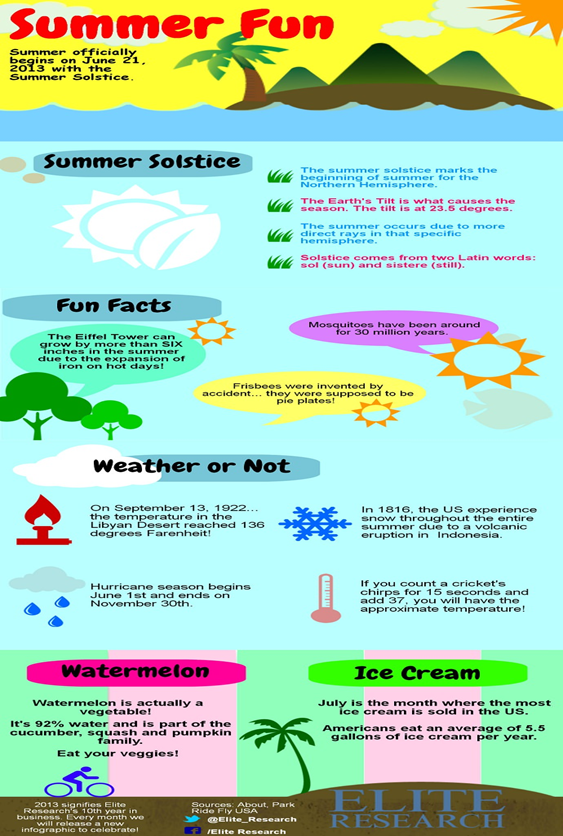
30 Joshua Karmasin

31 Mary Lou Curtiss

Terry Miller



1 Ron & Lisa Truitt (5)  
3 Kyle & Abby Beger   
8 Anthony & Shannon Bliesner   
10 (Mark) & Peggy Wiehr   
15 Robert & ViVina Falk   
16 Larry & Martha Rosche   
21 Francis & Michelle Arbuckle   
27 Robert & Bonnie Fieber





The Bookmobile will be stopping at

St. Paul’s Thursdays August 7th & 24th

11:45a- 12:30p

See [www.monarchlibraries.org](http://www.monarchlibraries.org)

for full schedule

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**Upcoming sales….**

8/5-8/9 Hats, Scarves, Ties & Belts 50% Off

8/12                30% Off Everything in the Store

8/13-8/15     Linens 50% Off

**8/16       NATIONAL THRIFT STORE DAY – 50% off Everything**



Vacation Bible School is August 18-22 from 6:00p-8:00p.

Calling all aged pre-school to 6th grade for CAMP CHAOS!

If you have an extra pop-up tent or Christmas tree- that could be used for decorating and returned to you, please let Jessica know.

There will be a VBS meeting on August 10th 6:30p for Helpers.

Set-up and Decorating will be done August 11th and 13th from 5:30p-7:30p. All welcome!

We are collecting

\*Disposable plates, bowls, cups and napkins \*chocolate pudding   
\*blue Jello  
  
\*2 packages of Oreos

\* 4 bags of Cheetos \* pretzel sticks

\*frosting any flavor

\*sprinkles

\*fruit roll ups

\*gummy bears

\* Swedish fish \*graham crackers

\*marshmallow- large and mini

\*Hawaiian punch large jugs

\*cool whip

\*peanut butter \*Nutella

\*napkins

\*baby wipes- case \*paints

\*sponges-large

\*food coloring

Collection bins are located next to the VBS signs in Church and Fellowship Room.

Any questions, please call/text Jessica at 920.917.3867 or office 528-8094, stpaulscascade@hotmail.com

**Voter’s Assembly Meeting Minutes**July 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President, Fred Arbuckle. Seventeen members were present.

Pastor Bidinger opened with prayer. Minutes of the April 27, 2025, meeting were read by Secretary, Diane Pietsch. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Mike S. reported insurance went up from $2.250 quarter to $2,728 quarter. As of June 30, all bills have been paid and we ended up with a balance of $847.92. He needs to change the name

from “Pastor” to “Reserve” account that was agreed upon at the April 27, 2025, meeting set up for pastor's retirement.

BUSINESS:

OFFICIAL ACTS (04-01-25 – 06-01-25)

Confirmation:

Allana Rene Annis-Jimenez 05-04-25

Easton Kent Marquardt 05-04-25

Shelby Cascandra Ogreenc 05-04-25

Deaths:

Ken Schultz 04-19-25

Leon Schultz 05-16-25

BOARD OF ELDERS:

Pastor reported we will have an outdoor service on Sunday, September 7, 2025, the first day of Sunday School. Watch for details in the bulletin.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Nate C. reported new fans have been purchased for church. Not installed yet because cords were not long enough. Still need to install spindles on parsonage deck. Betty J. asked trustees for plastic on windows in office as it is breezy.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Steve O. reported that Jessica Haak is the VBS coordinator. VBS will be held August 18-22nd. A 7th and 8th grade Sunday School teacher is still needed. One scholarship has been received and will be reviewed at meeting on Thursday, July 24th.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Jenn S. reported Membership Directory is updated and ready to print. They will assemble at next stewardship meeting. Pictorial Directory contract has been signed. Date of pictures to be taken is October 9-11-2025.The Alzheimer's Walk is September 20,2025. Still need walkers and donations. Root Beer Float Sunday is still to be determined. The board would like to reform the ”Long-term Planning Committee and have one person from each board and group represented. No outreach mailer will be done this fall; instead, will do more outreach in our congregation.

OTHER:

After church on Sunday, September 7, will discuss Sunday School start time if we have only one service. Discussion about talking to parents or a survey. Thursday night service would stay the same. Board of Ed will discuss at their meeting Thursday, July 24th.

Discussion on information sign and replacement of sign or just upkeep is needed. Fred A. formed a committee of Nate C., from Board of Trustees and Jen S. of Board of Stewardship to start. Committee to get quotes and get back to voters.

Bev H. stated that the new look bulletin looks great. All agreed.

There was no other business. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

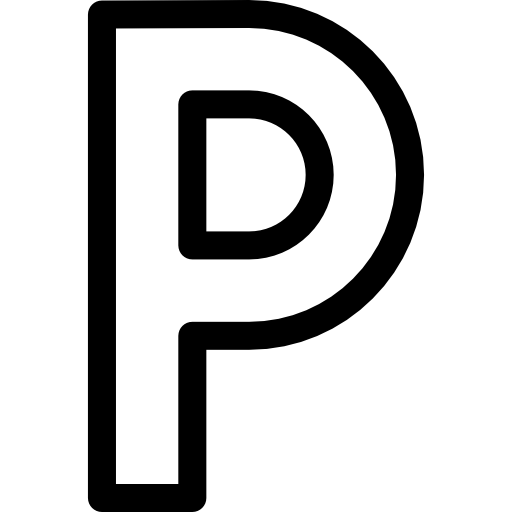
Diane Pietsch,

Secretary

**Elders Minutes**Monday, July 14, 2025  
  
The July 14th Elder's meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.  By Peter (filling in as chairman).    
 Present were Dominic, Peter,  Dan, Pastor, Tim (by phone),  and guest Jen Schneider from the Board of Stewardship.  Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.  
       Jen joined the meeting to keep us informed on a number of projects the Board of Stewardship is working on.  
  -    Stewardship is planning on working with Harmon studios to do a pictorial directory for the church's 160th anniversary.   Pictures of members would be taken Oct. 9th, 10th, and 11th.  Stewardship would like the Elders to help contact and inform members about this, to which we agreed.  We will meet with Stewardship sometime in mid  to late September  to assign contact lists.  
-  At the May Elder's meeting it was suggested to add additional signage or banner outside of church to catch the attention of the additional traffic due to roadwork detour past church.  Jen informed us that a banner will be going up with information about  Vacation Bible School.  Stewardship is also checking into getting more updated signage for outside in front of church.  
-Stewardship contacted Pastor Blaas, the Hispanic outreach minister for Sheboygan county, to see if he would be available to visit our church this fall.  He would most likely be available, final date yet to be determined.  
-Stewardship is also looking into reviving the Long Term Planning Committee.  A cross functional group of church members representing the different groups, committees, youth,  and members of our congregation to look ahead and plan for the wellbeing and future of our church.  
- it was brought up that some churches have their offering baskets brought up to the pastor and he then presents them with a prayer to God.  Brief discussion was held on the matter and how or where this would be fit into the service.  Further research and discussion to be held on this.  
-Jen asked if it would be ok if Scripture Doodles  ( a fun worksheet activity pertaining to the sermon Where people can take notes or search for key points of the sermon to fill in) to be placed in the pews by the hymnals.  These could be completed at people's choice.  Elders ok'd.  
 Official act for May and June ( the Elders did not meet in June).   Leon Schultz passed away 5/16/25.  
           Pastor had six private communion visits in May and eleven in June.  
            Pastor updated us on church service attendance check in for the kids that are in confirmation classes.  It seems to be going well and attendance has improved.  
         We reviewed the communion assistant schedule for the elders.  We updated it adding Peter.  
          We discussed having an outdoor church service Sunday Sept. 7th at 10:00AM (weather permitting) to coincide with the opening of the Sunday school year.  With a meal to follow.  Menu and additional details to be discussed further at our next meeting.  
          Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.  
                                    Respectfully submitted,  
                                     Dan Schultz

**Trustees Minutes**Monday July 7, 2025  
  
The July meeting of the Board of Trustees was held July 7th at 7:30pm. Pastor opened with prayer. Nate, Mark and Randy were present.

This business was mostly a work meeting since there were no new issues to discuss. We assembled the new fans for the church but found we need to make some alterations before we can use them. ( cords were to short and need different hangers)   
Randy had reported the rack for the banners had come off the wall so we rehung it and tried to strengthen it a little more. We also showed Nate the light under the balcony n the church. We wanted to get his thoughts on repairing or replacing it.   
Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.  
 Mark Schultz, Secretary

(St. Paul’s Youth group)   
**50+ Bags Project**

**Need ideas for 50+ Bags?** August collection is stuffing and mashed potatoes.

Of course, feel free to donate as the Holy Spirit leads! Please watch expiration dates, trying to find food with at least a year out before expiration.

Collection boxes are in the Fellowship Hall and in the back of church!

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, **gentle**, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.   
[James 3:17](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.biblegateway.com%2Fpassage%2F%3Fsearch%3DJames%25203%253A17%26version%3DESV&data=05%7C02%7C%7C990b6ccf94de4045c64208ddd00f5d45%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638895486588618018%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eQq9rbTs6KwZWmYKhbPdGrFQBMo3ZH8WJO1r%2FDv%2BBqo%3D&reserved=0)

Wanna know about St. Paul’s Awesome Youth Group???

Here’s More Info:   
Whether you are shy or an outgoing person, Youth group is for YOU! It is a great way for you to get out there and further connect with not only our church but our community too! We do many different projects, and activities that shine the brightness of God’s love for each and every one of us! I think we can all agree that is what our world needs these days. All kids in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join, whether you just show up a few times, or to everything we do!

\*\*INTERESTED IN JOINING- please contact:

Mrs. Bidinger 🡪 jbidinger5@gmail.com

UPCOMING ADRC EVENTS

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**A blue and yellow bingo ball with numbers and cards

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**For Our Homebound…**

Doris Krahn, Plymouth,

Lou Raabe, Plymouth

Marion Hefter, & Sherry, Cascade

Cola Schneider, Cascade

Brenda Schultz, Cascade

Laura Reis, Plymouth

Keith “Mike” Long- Plymouth

Loretta Jung, Random Lake

Alan Hellmer, Plymouth

John Lederer, Adell

**For Our Active Miltary…**

Clayton Bauer   
Wyatt LaPorte



**Church Officers and Board Members 2025**

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Vice President-Todd Triebensee   
Secretary-Diane Pietsch   
Treasurer-Mike Schneider   
Financial Secretary-Betty Johnston   
  
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Kathy Breitt (Sec)   
Kennedy Arbuckle   
Sunday School Coordinator  
Margie Arbuckle   
  
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Francis Arbuckle (Chr)   
Dominic Kowalczyk Dan Schultz(Sec) Tim Fenske Peter Wegman   
 **Board of Trustees**Nate Czerwinski(Co-Chair)   
Frank Arbuckle (co-Chair)   
Ron Truitt   
Mark Schultz (Sec)   
Anthony Bliesner   
Randy Pietsch   
 **Board of Stewardship**Levi Melius Jr.(Chr)   
Judy Doherty Felicia Beck Peggy Wiehr Ann Simonsen Jen Schneider (Sec)

**Thrivent Committee**Patti Zimmerman (Chr)   
Bev Hinz Diane Pietsch   
Ann Simonsen Peggy Wiehr Raylean Triebensee

**LWML**President-Linda Fischer &   
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