

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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November 2024 Newsletter

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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Pastor Richard M. Bidinger 528-8881

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Mike Schneider-Office Manager 980-5760

Sunday Services 7:30 am & 10:00 am

(Winter Schedule September-May)

Sunday 7:30 am & 9:00am

(Summer Schedule May-September)

Sunday School 8:30 am September-May

FROM THE PASTOR



“¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now,

and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.”

– 1 John 3:1-4

“HOW IT ALL ENDS”

Imagine, buying a mystery or thriller novel,
then reading the last chapter of the book first!

Imagine, recording a football or baseball game,
then watching it after you knew the final score!

“Well, that kind of takes the fun
out of the novel or the game!
Where’s the suspense?”

What about life? Your life?

Have you read the last chapter?

If you are a Christian, you know how your life ends!

No, not all the details
about the final moments of your life on earth.
But, for the Christian, there is more!

*“⁴When Christ Who is your life appears,
then you also will appear with Him in glory.”*

– Colossians 3:4

In the end, ‘after all is said and done’,
the Christian will be with Christ in glory!

When you know the final score of the game,
when you know your team wins in the end,
you can sit and calmly watch
all the fumbles,
all the blown plays,
all the penalties against your team.

Why?

Because in the end you know it doesn’t matter.
Your team wins!

If only life were that easy!

How often do we get caught up ‘in the moment’,
becoming anxious or worried
about the problems and setbacks we face?
Yet, none of these changes the outcome of our lives
in glory with Christ!

Scripture teaches us:

*“¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing,
¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.”*

– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

It is easy to give thanks
when things are going well for us.
But, what about when things aren’t going well?
How can God call upon us to give thanks
“in all circumstances”?

When you’ve read the last chapter first,
when you know your team wins the game,
then you know whatever the circumstances
before the last chapter,
before the end of the game,
– in the end everything
will be resolved for the good.

So it is in the life of God’s people.
How thankful we are for the blessings
God bestows upon us!
How thankful we are,
that the trials and hardships we face
will not gain the upper hand over us!

This Thanksgiving, remember,
the final chapter of our lives
has already been written!
Whatever lies between now and that end
is only temporary!
**“Thank You, Lord, for the victory
that is mine in Christ!”**

Calendar Dates to Remember

Sunday, November 3

The Chosen 5:30 am

Monday, November 4

9th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

Board of Elders 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 5

Board of Trustees 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 6

7th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

Thursday, November 7

Worship w/HC 6:30 pm

Board of Education 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 10

The Chosen 5:30 am

Wednesday, November 13

8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

Thursday, November 14

LWML Meeting 10:00 am

Worship 6:30 w/HC

Sunday, November 17

The Chosen 5:30 am

Monday, November 18

9th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 20

7th Grade Confirmation 5:30 am

Thursday, November 21

Worship 6:30 pm w/HC

Sunday, November 24

The Chosen 5:30 am

Monday, November 25

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 27

8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

Worship 9:00 am

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.



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

Just a reminder that the Altar Flower sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the upper Fellowship Hall. Please let Mike know by calling the church office at 920.528.8094 or emailing stpaulscascade@hotmail.com if you would like to have an announcement in the bulletin for the flowers.

Children's Church

Before Pastors message kids ages 3k-3rd Grade are welcomed to join children's church held in the fellowship hall. The kids are taught the day's sermon using tools to help them better understand for their age group.



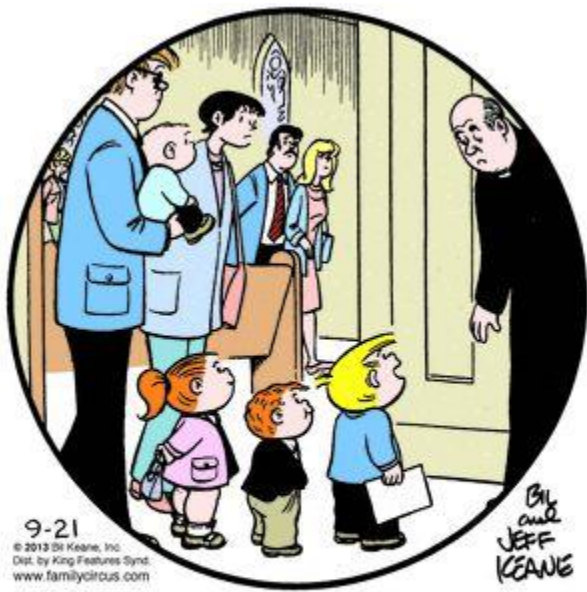
1	Sofia Jimenez
2	Edward Beck
4	Peter Wegmann
6	Keith Haak
7	Thomas Kowalczyk
11	Jason Haak
15	Donna TenPas
17	Debra Huibregtse
19	Katherine Arbuckle
20	Catalina Culver
21	Jessica Haak
	River Faye Wegner
22	Jonathan Hintz
	Rick Wright
	Shannon Adams
24	Seth Ogreenc
25	Charles Flunker
	Mary Ann Jensen
	Randy Marquardt
	Liam Czerwinski
27	David Hartmann
	Laura Reis
28	Francis Arbuckle
29	Duncan Doherty
	Justin LaPorte



2	Randy & Gayle Flunker
6	Michael & Jennifer Schneider
9	Fred & Joy Arbuckle
25	Tim & Sara Block

List of Homebound members to keep in our Prayers

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Shirley Boeldt- Plymouth, Jean Dippel-Plymouth, Doris Krahn-Plymouth, Louella Raabe-Plymouth, Marion Hefter & Sherry-Cascade, Cola Schneider-Sheboygan, Ken & Brenda Schultz-Cascade, David Hartmann-Progressive, Bob Hand-Plymouth, David Schultz-Plymouth



"The sermon was good, but I think you could've used a couple jokes to jazz it up a bit."

Elders Minutes

The Board of Elders met 10/17/24. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Francis, filling in for David as chairman. Present were Pastor, Dominic, Francis, Dan, and Tim by phone. Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Official act; Levi Melius Sr. And Carol Melius transferred in. Pastor had ten private communion visits for the month.

The new pew Bibles have arrived and been placed. Thank you to the Board of Education and Karen Marquardt for financing, and Mike and Jen Schneider for ordering and placing them.

Pastor reported to the board that the Sunday school is off to a very strong start for the year.

Pastor also reported that he had discussed open elder positions with a few people that we had suggested at our September meeting and he will follow up with them to see if they are willing to be nominated for the upcoming election.

Francis communicated a request from the Board of Stewardship asking if we would approve of them hosting a "trunk or treat event" at the church during the village wide trick or treating time. We approved with the suggestion of disbursing some type of a Christian message and / or the church's information along with their goodies.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Dan Schultz

Board of Stewardship

The board met 10/10/2024 at 5:30 with members present Felicia B, Terry S., Jen S Ann S. Peggy W. and Pastor.

We will be doing "Trunk or Treat" on Oct 26th, it will be advertised in Extra paper for 2 weeks before, Peggy will apply for Thrivent card.

Cards will be made with St Pauls on front to hand out at Church at end of Oct for All Hallows Eve.

A flyer will be mailed after elections advertising St Pauls with dates of services, fellowship times Childrens Church etc. it will also have qr code that will take you to Churches website.

Love Inc--On Nov 14th a representative from Love Inc will come to LWML meeting, to give a talk, and receive our donation.

We discussed posting a sheet around Cascade, if you need help with yard work or small home projects to call St Pauls at Church Office.

Next meeting after all boards meeting in January

Submitted by Secretary,

Ann Simonsen

Trusties Minutes

The October meeting of the Board of Trustees was held October 1st at 6:30 pm.

Pastor Bidinger opened with a prayer with Nate, Anthony, Ron, and Mark present.

OLD BUSINESS

The workday held on September 14th was very productive. All the board members showed up at 8am and we got to work on the parsonage deck. After a couple of hours it was done except for being short a few spindles.

More discussion was had about updating the fuse box in the church. The electrician stated that it looked good and it wasn't really necessary to change it. So we decided to save the money and keep it as is.

NEW BUSINESS

It was brought up by Pastor that we should be looking into replacing the church's copy machine due to its age and previous repairs. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

After the meeting we checked out a water leak that had sprung up outside and found that it was an old water service to the parsonage. We were able to find and shut off the valve that fed the service

Mark Schultz, Secretary



President Linda Fischer called the meeting to order at 10:02am. Pastor Bidinger led us with an opening devotion – Grandma's Building Blocks, followed by Oct. birthday prayers for Betty P. & Sara.

Roll Call was taken with 9 members in attendance; Linda, Gail, Karen, Nydia, Diane, Bev, Betty P., Jen & Jodi.

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

Karen Marquardt, Treasurer reported a checkbook balance of \$2,037.77.

Unfinished Business:

- Guidelines were approved and copies were handed out to all members.
- We host Fellowship in the month of October. Oct. 13th – Linda, Patti, Betty J., Oct. 20th – Gail, Jodi, Diane & Bev, Oct. 27th – Nydia, Karen, Betty P. & Jen.
- LWML Sunday Oct. 6th – We offered several tortes & desserts during fellowship time in between services and after the later service, many people came back to enjoy desserts and fellowship with others, it was a good turnout. Bev made crosses that were on display and available for anyone to take and enjoy. Bev also displayed wheelchair lap robes, dresses and shorts for Haiti, hats, and quilts on the front few pews in church. Bev, Jodi and Jen set up the various tables and other displays for LWML Sunday.
- LWML Fall Retreat-Sept. 27th -28th at the Radisson hotel in Fond du Lac. Linda reported 123 in attendance and offering and Gifts from the Heart totals.
- Society Elections will be at our Nov. meeting. Linda will call and talk to all available candidates.
- LWML Zone 7 Fall Rally will be held on Oct. 12th at St. John Lutheran Church in Fredonia. Several members plan to attend and carpool together. A motion was made, seconded and carried to give \$75 to the Fall Rally Offering.

New Business:

- Flowers on the altar were discussed. We decided that we should continually run info on the TV's in church so all the church members know that they can sign up for flowers on the altar for special occasions or just because they'd like to help beautify the altar. Nobody was signed up for the month of October so we went through the dates and volunteered. Oct. 13th the LWML (will use the flowers from the previous week as they still look great.), 10/20- Linda F., 10/27 & 11/3-Jen, and 11/10-Nydia.
- Rocky Knoll Birthday party will be on Oct. 16th, Karen and Jen will bake cakes and deliver.

- Cookie and Candy Sale in Dec. was discussed and a committee was formed - Nydia, Karen, Jen, Jodi and Linda. Linda plans to apply for a Thrivent card again to help offset costs. The Committee plans to meet to start planning and have more info at the next meeting.

- Christmas Altar flowers were discussed and a committee was formed – Jen, Linda and Jodi will meet a different time and discuss and report at the next meeting.

- The LWML SWD Winter Getaway will be held on Jan. 31st -Feb.1st at the Wintergreen/Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. Registration deadline is mid Jan. and the cost is \$65 and includes Lunch on Sat. Hotel reservations are on your own, and the deadline to apply for the TLC Scholarship is Dec. 1st.

- Christmas Party committee was planned including; Gail, Jen, Diane, Jodi. This committee will be meeting separately and will give an update at the next meeting.

- Karen shared the Thank you from the Lutheran Bible Translators.

- WE discussed LOVE INC., as we typically give to them in the month of November. Jen was going to contact LOVE INC. and check into having someone be a guest speaker at one of our upcoming meetings.

- Jen reported that the St. Paul's Youth Group SPY is starting a collection for the Hurricane Helen Relief. Discussion was made and Jen made a motion to give \$100 to SPY for Hurricane relief needs, the motion was seconded, carried and approved.

- Jen told us that the Board of Stewardship is planning a trunk & treat event on Oct. 26th from 3:30-6:30pm in the church parking lots and encouraged any and all to sign up to do this event and gave us details of what they would like for decorating the trunks.

- Jodi and Jen reported on the upcoming servant event they were planning. It will be a card making event again, as we were making cards for Veterans and Project Angel Hugs valentine's and deadlines for submitting those are fast approaching. It will be held in the lower fellowship hall on Wed. Oct. 30th from 5-7pm, we will be providing supper (soups, sandwiches and mac n' cheese since it will be held over the supper time hours).

- Discussion was made about possible future servant event projects and we decided if those interested in a specific servant event project could plan, organize and lead the events and report at a future meeting with dates and ideas.

- A Pastor appreciation card was passed around and signed by all members in attendance.

We closed the meeting at 12:12pm with the LWML Pledge.

Jodi Schultz, Secretary

QUARTERLY MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Todd Triebensee with 16 members present.

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the July 21st 2024 meeting were read by Secretary, Diane Pietsch with one correction. Clayton Bauer was confirmed 06/16/2024 instead of 05/05/2024. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept minutes as read.

Mike Schneider gave the Treasurer's Report. \$4,828.89 has been paid back to special funds that was borrowed in 2023. We still need to pay back \$5,138.68 that we borrowed in 2024. Cost of the picnic opening day of Sunday School was approximately \$750. We also donated \$200 back to church. Monies came out of Fellowship Fund. So far we have received \$1,100 to benefit Hurricane Fund. Checkbook balance as of 09/12/2024 was \$2,936.60. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept report.

BUSINESS:

OFFICIAL ACTS: (07-01-24 – 09-30-24).

Baptism:

Avelene Jens 09/07/2024

Transfer In:

09/30/2024 Levi & Karel Melius from St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Batavia, WI

Transfer Out:

10/18/2024 Robert & Susan Doying to St. John Lutheran Church, New Fane, WI.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept Levi & Karel Melius and to release Robert & Susan Doying.

Deaths:

William Schultz Jr. 07/25/2024

Avelene Jens 09/07/2024

BOARD OF ELDERS:

Discussion was held regarding pastor's salary. Pastor just turned 65, he had to sign up for Medicare only, not Social Security. We will save \$1,150 month payment to Concordia Retirement Fund. Since pastor is still working full time, it was suggested we put \$825 a month in a special fund (yet to be named) until his retirement and then pay him a certain amount each year from this fund. Our annual savings

would be \$3,900 a year. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept plan as discussed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Randy Pietsch reported all repairs have been completed. At this time it was recommended that we would not have to replace old electrical panel. That is good news. One new sound bar has been ordered for the TV's in church.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was paid out to Tricia Palacios.

Bev Hintz made the voters assembly aware that we have one handicapped child in Sunday School. Would it be better to have that class upstairs. Board to discuss.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Jen S. reported the board will be mailing out fliers to the surrounding area, making them aware of our church and Sunday School. St. Paul's will be participating in the Trunk or Treat event October 28. Bring your trunk, decorated if you want, and something to hand out. Time is 3:30 – 6:30

Love, Inc Sunday will be celebrated November 3. A free-will door offering will be taken.

A speaker was not available, but one will speak at our LWML meeting on November 14

OTHER:

Thank you for the two typewriters that were donated for the office.

Todd T. is working with the Cascade DPW to see if we can get a deduction on the church water and sewer bill.

Discussion was held regarding the replacement of our 12 year old copy machine. Hard to find replacement parts for it. Motion was made to sign a 5year lease for a new machine for \$130 month which would include maintenance and toner.

Mike S. and Patti Z. met with Peter Mersberger regarding our investments. We were up 9.67% average on all investments.

We have \$25,000 in Lutheran Extension Fund which has only made \$2,376.76 over the last several years. Discussion was held on whether we should move it. It was decided to keep as is for now.

Karen Marquardt stated some of the women and youth are assembling hygiene kits for LCMS. We will take to Our Redeemer in Sheboygan which will then take to Orphan Grain Train. Eventually they will end up in NC. Mike S. made a motion to give \$1,000 from our Memorial Fund to help offset the \$2,000 cost so far. Motion was seconded and carried.

Upcoming Sales at Neat Repeats

11/5 - 11/9 Kitchen Items 50% Off
11/12 30% Off Everything in the Store
11/13 - 11/16 Baskets & Vases 50% Off
11/19 - 11/23 Toys, Games & Puzzles 50% Off
11/26 & 11/27 CDs & DVDs 50% Off
11/29 50% Off Everything in the Store
11/30 \$6 Bag Sale for Clothing



\$25 Kwik Trip Gift Cards needed for the New Way Celebration Ceremony

Love INC's New Way Community is a place where people meet to learn new skills, ask questions, develop relationships, and encourage each other in reaching goals. We offer several life-skills classes for 10 and 12-week terms at Calvin Christian Reformed Church on Thursday evenings.

At the end of each term, we celebrate our time together with a Celebration Ceremony where we provide gift cards to each participant.

Gift cards may be given to your Love INC liaison (CMC) OR delivered to our office no later than November 15th:

Drivers Needed

On behalf of the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Sheboygan County, we would like to thank you for your collaborative efforts in getting the word out regarding our programs, services, resources & support throughout the year!

We are reaching out to request your assistance in promoting our **Volunteer Driver Program** ~ we are in **URGENT** need of Drivers ~ we have many more requests for transportation to medical appointments by our aging community than we have driver availability.

Our transportation service to medical appointments is a wonderful service to offer, but difficult to promote when you are unable to fulfill the requests.

Many folks in the aging community, frankly, do not have many options for transportation and need to get to their medical appointments - live alone, no family in the area, etc.

Hopefully, you are reading this and a member or members of your congregation comes to mind.... or you are willing to post the below / attached flyer on a board, in your bulletin, social media, etc. ANY ASSISTANCE is truly appreciated.

To learn more, please contact:

Tammy Ringel
Transportation Scheduler
650 Forest Ave
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
920-467-4193
tammy.ringel@sheboygancounty.com

St. Luke United Women in Faith Christmas Bazaar & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 16, 2024

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Luke United Methodist Church

623 Ontario Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Free admittance with a donation of a nonperishable food item for our church food pantry.

Proceeds from this event provide funding for missions of the United Women in Faith Organization & local community organizations

National & Locally Known Vendors

Fancy Holiday Cookies, Baked Goods & Snacks

Hand Crafted Cards, Yarn & Needle Crafts

Great Marriages-Crisis Mentoring:

Does your foundation need repair? Our trained mentor couples have been through it all. If you are facing a crisis, please don't give up! We will pair you with a mentor couple who is best suited to help you through this tough time.

Visit: www.great-marriage.org/mentoring or call 920.783.6142

Senior Citizen Bible Breakfasts

Senior citizens, join us in our Performing Arts atrium for our Bible Breakfasts. You'll enjoy a devotion led by LHS staff, a delicious hot breakfast, and fellowship with one another. Mark your calendars for November 19, and December 17. Bible Breakfasts begin at 8:30 a.m., and RSVPs to dolson@lutheranhigh.com are appreciated.

Five Things to Help Invite Someone to Church

1. Pray for Your Guest—Who do you know that needs Jesus? Are you praying for them regularly? Pause and pray for that person now. Are you asking God to work in their hearts? Seems simple, but it's so simple we don't do it. Begin by praying right now for someone you would like to bring to church this weekend (or soon.)

2. Speak Up with a Friendly Spirit—Gulp! I know, this is the hurdle. Opening your mouth is a fearful thing when it comes to "religion." I figure it this way, if Jesus opened His palms to my nails, then I can open my mouth for my friend. This doesn't have to be mechanical or weird. Just kindly say, "Hey, would you like to come to church with me Sunday?" I know, it seems random, or even scary if you don't do it much. But you just might be shocked! Because of point one, God is already be working to soften the heart of that person. So, decide right now—WHO will you invite to church this weekend?

3. Add a Caring Expression of Love—A cup of coffee and a danish before church, lunch after church, an offer to pick them up, a gift book or Bible while they are with you, a thank you note or gift card—there are many ways to express love to people. Food always speaks care and compassion. Jesus fed a LOT of people! Couple your invitation with some "second mile" expression of personal interest. Be a true friend, not just a religious recruiter.

4. Team Up with Others—Chances are you and other Christian friends know the same lost or discouraged person. Perhaps you could get together with the morning service being the hub. Perhaps you could schedule a fellowship at your home with Christian friends, and intentionally invite a guest to participate. Perhaps you could all meet for coffee before church. There are a lot of ways to be creative and courageous with the help of others. I know of several occasions recently where our EBC church family members scheduled home gatherings with Christians for the express purpose of inviting a non-Christian friend. It breaks the ice and touches the heart! Christian community is a powerful evangelistic tool.

5. Cultivate Compassionate Habits Toward Others—Instead of seeing through people all day, see people. Ask your coworkers how you can pray for them. Leave a hand-written note for a waitress. Tell someone at a drive-through that they are doing a good job. Smile at people. As you cultivate compassion, God will naturally open doors for you to converse and encourage. Yesterday my wife was in a store. As she checked out, she began talking with the attendant. The conversation went from "Where are you from" immediately to "My daughter just moved to Newington" to "Oh, your husband's a pastor? My daughter is looking for a church!" It all happened in a moment because of a smile and warm spirit.

There are open doors and opportunities all around us. The question is, will we be too busy today to do the thing that could have the single greatest eternal impact? Your simple, loving, kind invitation to a healthy church could radically reorientate someone's life and eternal destiny through Jesus!

Don't be anxious over "how" to do it. Just rest in Him, be yourself, and trust Him to do the hard stuff!

I pray God will richly reward your desire to bring a guest to church with you Sunday!

Church Officers and Board Members 2024

President-Todd Triebensee	838-4888
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FEEDING THE HUNGRY in our own backyard

Please donate a food item each month for the Plymouth Food Pantry. 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.

November

Flour & Sugar
Proverbs 22: 9

9 Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.