St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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October 2024 Newsletter

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Email-stpaulscascade@hotmail.com		
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Church Office	528-8094	
Pastor Richard M. Bidinger	528-8881	
Organist-Tessa Shirley		
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Sunday Services 7:30 am & 10:00 am		
(Winter Schedule September-May)		
Sunday 8:30 am		
(Summer Schedule May-September)		
Sunday School 8:30 am September-May		



"¹⁵Be 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 2:15-16

"AGAINST ALL ODDS"

Outnumbered by unbelievers and skeptics, insufficiently funded for the size of the task, overwhelmed by the diverse and constant barrage of attacks of opposing religious views, and often divided within,

> the Church of the first century prevailed against all that opposed it and spread throughout the Roman empire.

Now, in the early 21st century,

the Church, finds itself in much the same position as the brothers and sisters in the Faith in the 1st century.

HOW CAN THE CHURCH SURVIVE, LET ALONE PREVAIL? THE ANSWER: WHAT MAN CANNOT DO, WHAT IS HUMANLY IMPOSSIBLE, IS POSSIBLE FOR GOD!

The Church may be out-manned and "out-gunned" by the deceived and the disobedient, but it is not under powered. God has equipped His people

with the weapons needed for the battle before them, albeit a battle not of the physical world, but of the spiritual (Ephesians 6:10-20).

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians:

 ³For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.
⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.
⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. -- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5



In the Reformation, Martin Luther stood before the Emperor of the holy Roman Empire, Charles V and refused to recant and renounce his writings. He stood upon the power and authority of the Word of God, not upon the power of the sword or the might of man.

Today, the Church, the Body of true believers on earth who hold firmly to the Gospel of Christ and unswervingly to the Truth of the Word of God stand upon the same power and authority of God and His Word, as did the apostle Paul, and as did Martin Luther.



In his letter to the Philippian Christians, the apostle Paul encouraged them to "shine as light in the world" living by Faith in the Gospel and by obedience to the Word of God. The light of Faith is all the more brighter in the darkness of "a crooked and twisted generation." The mind of corrupt man cannot think "straight", nor does the heart of corrupt man have the desire to walk "straight", - by the Word of God. Everything fallen man desires and thinks is "crooked and twisted" in comparison to God's Word. As God's people shine the "Light" of Truth, they hold out the message of the forgiveness of sins and renewal in Christ.

"⁴And this is the victory that has overcome the world our faith." – 1 John 5:4



Calendar Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 1
Board of Trustees 6:30 pm
Wednesday, October 2
7 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm
Thursday, October 3
Worship w/HC 6:30 pm
Board of Education 7:30 pm
Sunday, October 6
The Chosen 5:30 am
Monday, October 7
9th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm
Board of Elders 7:30 pm
Wednesday, October 9
8 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm
Thursday, October 10
LWML Meeting 10:00 am
Worship 6:30 w/HC
Board of Stewardship 7:30 pm
Sunday, October 13
The Chosen 5:30 pm
Wednesday, October 16
7 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 am
Thursday, October 17
Worship 6:30 pm w/HC
Sunday, October 20
Voters Assembly 11:15 am
The Chosen 5:30 pm
Monday, October 21
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
9 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm
Wednesday, October 23
8 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm
Thursday, October 24
Worship 6:30 pm w/HC
Sunday, October 27 REFORMATION
Sunday School Reformation Program 10:00 am
The Chosen 5:30 pm
Wednesday, October 30
7 th Grade Confirmation Movie 5:30 pm
Thursday, October 31
Worship 6:30 pm w/HC

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.

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 stpaulscasacde@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	Brynlee Arbuckle
2	Michelle Arbuckle
6	Tera Arbuckle
	Allison Horner
7	Felicia Beck
8	William Schultz III
12	David Simonsen
	Diane LoDico
	Susan DeGroff
13	Kathryn Jeske
	Adam Spradau
15	Tricia Bidinger
17	Denise Weiss
	Cheryl Miller
19	Sara Block
20	James Horner
22	Betty Payne
23	Rita Schultz
	Paul Schultz
25	Debbie Horner
	Priya Luedtke
26	Mary Wagner
27	Randall Flunker
	Chris Johnston
	Ryan Strassburg
28	Eric Dombrowski
29	Randall Pietsch



- 1 (Roger) & Diane Pietsch
- 4 Ronald & (Mary Jo) Schultz Rick & Kristy Wright
- 5 Lee & Mary Lou Curtiss Nathan & Kimberly Czerwinski
- 10 Michael & Susan DeGroff
- 11 (Robert) & Debra Huibregtse
- 30 Don & Mary Wagner

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.

Heavenly Humor



"I can't find what channel we're on."



"When we say grace, do we look up at Heaven, or down at the food?"

Elders Minutes

August 5th 2024 Elder's meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. By chairman David. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer. Present

were; Pastor, David, Dominic, Francis, Dan. Tim was present via speaker phone. Minutes from July meeting were read and approved.

Official act; William Schultz the II passed away 7/25/2024. Pastor had 8 private communion visits for the month and is working on coordinating arrangements for more.

It was decided at the voter's meeting to try holding church service outside on Sunday September 8th, coordinating with the first day of Sunday School. There will only be one service at 10:00AM. that day with a potluck lunch to follow and games after lunch. If weather is uncooperative events can be held inside. Pastor will send out information to the congregation. Mike S. will check into getting a tent.

The Board of Education approved the use of \$250 to be used for the purchase of Bibles for in the church pews. Karen Marquardt agreed to donate any remaining balance, which we expect to be approximately another \$250. Thank You Karen and Board of Education.

We reviewed ideas for making the church's presence known to the community and spreading the Word of God and hopefully attracting new members. Pastor will check into the cost of bulk mailers. We also thought of yard signs with a message and church information on. Tim suggested working with "Sign Me Up " a sign company from Sheboygan Falls. Elders will communicate with the Board of Stewardship. To try to come up with ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM. Respectfully submitted, Dan Schultz

September 9th Board of Elders meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM. Present were Pastor, Dominic, Francis, Dan. Tim was present via speaker phone. Francis chaired the meeting in David's absence.

There were no official acts for the month of August. Pastor had 11 private communion visits for the month.

Outdoor church service September 8th went over well. Thank you to all who organized , contributed, and helped out to make this a success.

We discussed the upcoming budget and elections for the coming year. We reviewed the membership roster and potential members to contact to see if they would be willing to be nominated for open board and church officer positions for upcoming year.

Dominic reported that he had met with the Board of Stewardship about possible ideas for promoting the church throughout the community. The Board of Stewardship is currently working on mailers to send out promoting the church. Thank You Stewardship Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM Respectfully Submitted; Dan Schultz



St. Paul's Cascade LWML meeting minutes Thursday Sept. 12, 2024

President Linda Fischer called the meeting to order at 10:01am. Pastor Bidinger led us with an opening devotion – Balancing Act, followed by Sept. birthday prayers for Linda and Pastor.

Roll Call was taken with 10 members in attendance; Linda, Betty J., Gail, Karen, Nydia, Diane, Bev, Betty P., Patti & Jodi.

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

Karen Marquardt, Treasurer reported a checkbook balance of \$2,500.17 as of Aug.31, 2024.

Unfinished Business:

• Reviews of our group's guidelines were completed. Jodi will type the revisions and submit at next month's meeting for final approval.

 \cdot Card Making Servant Event is being planned in Nov., Jen & Jodi will plan and update at next meeting.

• LWML Fall Retreat-Sept. 27th -28th at the Radisson hotel in Fond du Lac. Gifts from the Heart recipients are Hope LC Food Pantry & Charis Pregnancy Counseling. Discussion was made to buy items for the two recipients from our funds. A motion was made, seconded and approved for a total of \$200 (use \$100 for each recipient) for buying items from their lists of needs. Karen & Nydia will shop for these items and then will be brought to the fall retreat with those attending.

• LWML Zone 7 Fall Rally will be held on Oct. 12th at St. John Lutheran Church in Fredonia. Registration begins at 8:45am, program starts at 9am, followed by a brief meeting and Ethnic Potluck luncheon. There was discussion on who's attending and carpooling options. Bev also showed us purple and whites crosses she made and asked if they could be used for this event. Discussion was made and Karen will reach out to the person in charge of this event to inquire. We also discussed that we could hand them out at the upcoming LWML Sunday we will be hosting.

New Business:

• LWML Sunday Oct. 6th – We decided we will offer several tortes & desserts during fellowship time in between services and after the later service. We will hand out the crosses Bev made, Bev will set up and display wheelchair lap robes, dresses and shorts for Haiti, hats, and quilts on the front few pews in church. Jodi will remake the display poster for local missions we help with and also the missions that our mites go towards and display those in the fellowship hall. Jodi will also contact Pastor Bidinger about the LWML Sunday Service.

• October we will be serving fellowship on Sunday mornings. Those in attendance signed up for dates they can bring food, Linda will also contact those not in attendance to see if they would like to help. Oct. 13th Patti, Linda & Betty J., Oct. 20th Gail, Jodi & Diane, Oct. 27th Nydia, Karen.

• Flowers on the altar for the month of Sept., Nydia 9/15, Diane 9/22 & 9/29, and our group will buy flowers for the altar for LWML Sunday on 10/6.

 \cdot Rocky Knoll Birthday party will be on Sept. 18th, Karen and Diane will bake cakes and deliver.

 \cdot Society elections for Vice President and Treasurer will be in Nov., a nominating committee was discussed.

• Pastor Bidinger's upcoming Birthday was discussed and a motion was made, seconded and carried to give him \$65 for his birthday.

We closed the meeting at 11:40am with the LWML Pledge and Karen led us in a prayer for Dave S.

Jodi Schultz, Secretary

Neat Repeats

10/1-10/5	Craft Kits & Beads 50% Off
10/8	30% Off Everything in the Store
10/9-10/12	Jewelry 50% Off
10/15-10/19	Shoes & Socks 50% Off
10/22-10/26	Halloween Decorations & Costumes 50% Off
10/29-11/2	Halloween Decorations & Costumes 75% Off



List of Homebound members to keep in our Prayers Doris Krahn-Plymouth, Louella Raabe-Plymouth, Marion Hefter & Sherry-Cascade, Cola Schneider-Sheboygan, Ken & Brenda Schultz-Cascade, David Hartmann-Progressive

New Website

Our website is up and running www.stpaulslcmscascade.com CHECK IT OUT There is also a line for online giving. Any questions about how it works feel free to contact Mike Schneider.

AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 20, 2024 QUARTERLY MEETING

OPENING PRAYER SECRETARY'S REPORT TREASURER'S REPORT BUSINESS: OFFICIAL ACTS: 07-01-2024/9-30-2024 BOARD OF ELDERS: Pastor Updated Pay Schedule BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Repair updates BOARD OF EDUCATION: Scholarships BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Mailers THRIVENT REPORT: OTHER:

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

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Want to build a strong foundation for your future? We will teach you skills to overcome any challenge that comes your way. Mastering these relationship skills will serve you well on your lifelong journey together.

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

Great Marriages Upcoming Event

Create Your Own Goals Board Tuesday, October 29, 2024 6:00 PM 8:30 PM

Register at www.great-marriages.org/events Develop your very own Goals Board and create a greater vision for achieving the dreams of your heart! In this workshop we will use coaching tools to examine our personal values and use them to make wise choices about what and where to invest our time and energy in work, finances, health, living environment and personal growth.

Location: Great Marriages Office, 612 Center Ave, Sheboygan Speaker: Chris & Courtney Booth



WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE CARE

Dementia Education for Family Caregivers

Signs of dementia include changes in behavior. At times, these changes can be difficult for family members to understand. This presentation provides basic information about dementia as well as strategies and communication tips for famil caregivers when they are providing care for their loved ones living with dementia.

Uptown Social 1817 N. 8th Street Sheboygan, WI 53081

Wed., October 2, 2024

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. OR 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Please select ONE of the sessions

RSVP to Lisa Hurley Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Sheboygan County 920-467-4079 or Lisa.Hurley@SheboyganCounty.com

Community Education Series





5th-8th Graders & Families:

Discover the green & gold high school experience at Sheboygan Lutheran High!

Meet the teachers

- Explore curriculum, dual credit, and advanced placement courses
- Discover athletic and extracurricular opportunities
- ☑ Learn about financial assistance options including free tuition through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program
- See how God's word is woven into all that we do

Fall Sampler Concert Tuesday, October 15 | 7 pm





Join the LHS bands and choirs in our Performing Arts Center for their Fall Sampler Concert. You'll hear music that highlights the elements; earth, wind, water, and fire. Each selection features a different element and

highlights the best of the students' abilities. From Konzertchor, you'll hear beautiful melodies like *Down* to the River to Pray as well as a new composition, *Fire*, that has more sounds than words. And Jazz Band will perform a fan-favorite rendition of *September* by the band, Earth, Wind & Fire. Admission is free, and the concert is open to the public. No reservations required. A free will offering will be accepted.



Join us starting October 6 for the 8 week showing of the chosen with study after. Starts at 5:30 pm.



Starting September 29th we will be doing a Genesis Bible Study at 8:45 am

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 October 15, November 19, and December 17. Bible Breakfasts

begin at 8:30 a.m., and RSVPs to dolson@lutheranhigh.com are appreciated.

American Heritage Girls[™] and Trail Life USA[®] are the premier Christ-centered character, leadership, and adventure organizations for girls and boys (K-I2), serving 60,000+ members in 50 states.

Along with your family and church, we share a passion for creating safe and active opportunities in a Christ-centered environment to equip the next generation for Christian service. Get your child, church, and family involved today by visiting AmericanHeritageGirls.org or TrailLIfeUSA.com.



You're Invited! Fall Kickoff Event! Monday September 9 6pm to 7:30pm Immanuel Lutheran Church 1626 Illinois st, Sheboygan



Visit AmericanHeritageGirls.org and TrailLifeUSA.com for more information

Offering Envelope Reminder

Please Remember to put your name and Number on the envelope. We have received some with neither so we can't record your offering.

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.

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 <u>URGENT</u> 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 <u>tammy.ringel@sheboygancounty.com</u>

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
Vice President- Levi Melius Jr.	946-4488
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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.

October Canned Vegetables Galatians 6: 2 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.