

# St. Paul Lutheran

## August 2022 NEWSLETTER



### *From the Pastor:*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It's no secret that the Bible is important to us as Christians. We confess that it is the very Word of God given to us, passed down from generation to generation that we may so hear it and believe. For this reason, so much of our time together as Christians is focused on the study of Scripture. Our worship services are the greatest gatherings we have where we not only hear the Word read, but also preached and presented to us.

Though, as important and beneficial as our worship is to us, it should never be our only interaction with Scripture throughout the week. That would almost be like going to the gas station and only filling up your car halfway. For so Paul writes, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God," Colossians 3:16. We are *always* to be in God's Word. To do that, it is something that must start at home.

This can be a daunting task. I know. We can get so easily overwhelmed by Scripture, wondering where to begin our study. But this is where I wanted to share what we're doing to help you. Every Sunday morning beginning at 8am, we have an adult bible study that focuses on Scripture. We are currently working through the book of Ezekiel. This is a wonderful time to come and join in discussion with your fellow Christians about what God's Word says and how it applies to us today. Not only do we dive into God's Word, but we enjoy the fellowship too.

In the same way, we will be starting a Sunday school class for kids of all ages this September! It's just as important for kids to have their time with Scripture as it is for us as adults. So too, our KidStuff will be resuming in September. Through these two programs, kids get to dive into the word through their own study, by doing crafts, hearing stories, playing games, and having fun.

Our time together is truly a blessed thing. But we know that it's not always possible to be together. Thus, we wanted to give you resources to study on your own as well. Every week in our bulletin is a list of bible readings to do throughout the week. These are meant to be smaller readings, more digestible for a day, and to allow you to read through the entire bible in one year. So too, every week on our website and Facebook page, a devotion is posted to guide our thoughts for our upcoming worship together.

Scripture is **THIS** important to us because it's more than just another book. It's more than words on a page. It's the message of Jesus Christ and him crucified for you! It's the message that was passed down to us that we may pass it down to even more generations to come. For just as the Apostle John writes, "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name," John 20:31. Dive into the Word of God that it may renew you in mind, body, and spirit; and may it grant you faith unto life everlasting!

Pastor Sorenson

### Happy Birthday!



**Karen Munson- 8/2**  
**Alexander Sorenson-8/7**  
**Mary Butler-8/9**  
**Roseline Dahn-8/13**  
**Rick Van Dusen- 8/14**  
**Jerry Meise- 8/16**  
**Dianne Krapfel- 8/22**  
**Moses Dahn- 8/29**

### *Altar Flowers*



**August 7-** Richard Beal  
**August 14-** (none)  
**August 21-** Dan & Connie Dierks,  
in celebration of 42nd anniversary.  
**August 28-** (none)

### [St Paul Online:](#)

Visit our website: [www.stpaulmadison.org](http://www.stpaulmadison.org)



**Facebook-** @StPaulMadisonLCMS

**YouTube-** St Paul Lutheran Church  
(services and sermons online)



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### Contact Us!

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## Serving in August

**Altar Guild** - Luanne, Bonnie, & Mary

**Tellers** - Kay Daubenspeck, Chris Krueger

### Ushers

**August 7-**

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, Tom Niemczyk

**August 14-**

Ray Hellmer, Rick Van Dusen, Leo Lakpa

**August 21-**

Jerry Meise, Jamie Meise, Dan Dierks

**August 28-**

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, Tom Niemczyk

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 21-** Leadership meeting

**September 11** - Kid's Sunday School kickoff

**September 14-** KidStuff kickoff (6pm)

**September 18-** Leadership Meeting

## Sunday School Kickoff!



St. Paul will have a Sunday school beginning **September 11!** We will meet at **8 am** on Sunday mornings. Ages 0-2 are welcome with a parent, and ages 3 through eighth grade are welcome on their own (parents are still welcome).

**Volunteers** will be needed on a semi-regular basis as well, so if you're willing to help out, keep an ear open and watch the newsletter!

## *Carpet Cleaning- Update!*

\$1250

Leadership team is looking to have the carpet cleaned in the church, including Sanctuary, Welcome Area, Fireside Room, and Offices. We have a bid to accomplish this for **\$1250**.

\$1000

\$750

To remain financially stable, we are asking for donations to help cover this amount.

\$500

\$250

**Thank you** to everyone who has already donated! As of July 24, we have already raised **\$1,000** towards the total!

**"MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE, SEE ME AFTER CLASS."**



**YOUR BOOK REPORTS ARE SURPRISINGLY SIMILAR."**

## St Paul Financial Update

### GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENSES

May 2022 Actual Income	\$16,159.98
May 2022 Actual Expenses	\$16,873.56
May 2022 Net	<b>-\$713.58</b>
June 2022 Actual Income	\$14,132.06
June 2022 Actual Expenses	\$15,759.07
June 2022 Net	<b>-\$1,627.01</b>

### DEBT

Unpaid Balance on Mortgage Loan as of 07/31/2022	\$182,465.72
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**Take Note**

Please send any items you'd like mentioned in our monthly newsletter to the office at [office@stpaulmadison.org](mailto:office@stpaulmadison.org), or please call the office at 608-244-8077.

If no one is able to take your call, please leave a detailed message and a number where you can be reached in your message.

**ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

Thank you for your help!