

St. Paul Lutheran

September 2022 NEWSLETTER



From the Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I've been reflecting recently about everything we've gone through together over the last two years. I've been thinking about how much the church has grown in this short time. For indeed, it has grown. But I think there's always some struggle thinking about church growth without becoming disillusioned by mere numbers.

For we must understand, growth in the church is not the same as growth as counted by the world. We're not looking to be the largest church with the most members. We're not looking to have the most successful programs and the largest bank account. We're not looking for worldly growth. If we were, we would no longer be the church.

Growth in the church is not always easily measured. We certainly rejoice in new members joining our midst. We count them as a blessing from God. But the growth we're after is a growth of faith. A growth in Christian living and confession. A growth in Christ. For so we have been blessed to experience such growth. I've seen God bless us with this growth as our members have dived into His Word, have gathered for worship, and given sacrificially of their time, talents, and gifts.

For so let us understand growth biblically. As St Paul writes, "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love," Ephesians 4:15-16. The growth of the church is always to move us closer to Christ and nothing else. When God so blesses us through His Word that faith may be strengthened, a heart restored in love, a life made whole again in Christ, we have experienced true God-given growth!

Let us grow even more into Christ. For only in Christ will the church grow. Only when we count as most important the life and death and resurrection of Christ do we experience true growth. So let us look to Christ and his cross that we may experience the blessings God has for us here at St Paul. Again as St. Paul writes, "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving," Colossians 2:6-7. Give thanks to God that he has granted us such growth in Christ and through this, growth in more ways than we can count!

Pastor Sorenson



Happy Birthday!



Jackie Buettner– 9/1
Tiffany Derden– 9/5
Kim Sorenson– 9/8
Kay Daubenspeck– 9/14
Shirley Mork– 9/26
Ray Hellmer– 9/30

Altar Flowers



September 4– Grant Sorenson on behalf of Kim's birthday

September 11– Guy Webster

September 18– LuAnne Rommel

September 25– (None)

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YouTube– St Paul Lutheran Church (services and sermons online)



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Serving in September

Altar Guild - Marcia Otto & Chris Krueger

Tellers - Jill Hellmer & Bonnie Kaschinske

Ushers

September 4-

Rick Van Dusen, Ray Hellmer, Leo Lakpa

September 11-

Jerry Meise, Jamie Meise, Dan Dierks

September 18-

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, Tom Niemczyk

September 25-

Rick Van Dusen, Ray Hellmer, Leo Lakpa

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 are needed for October 9 and October 30. If interested, please see Kim Sorenson or contact her at tffkimberly@gmail.com.

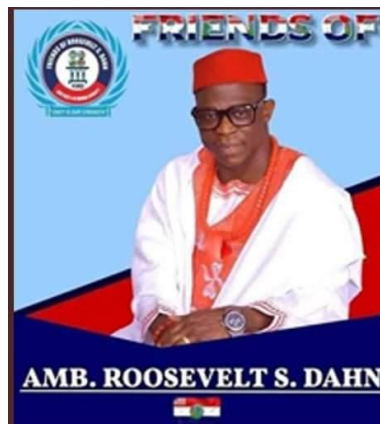
The great mystery of the Church: no matter what the thermostat says, the priest looks like this:



@feteinheaven



...while the congregation looks like this.



AMB. ROOSEVELT S. DAHN



Amb. Roosevelt Dahn 4
District # 8, Nimba County
Fundraiser Dinner & I-Care
Health Liberia Foundation
Project Updates

Venue
St. Paul Lutheran Church
2126 Sherman Ave, Madison,
WI 53704

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2022
Time: 5:00 Pm

Contact Friends of Roosevelt Dahn
on 4149756918, 6789923658, &
608-213-8514

"Send your donation to Zelle
OR CashApp @ 608-213-8514"

St Paul Financial Update

GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENSES

July 2022 Actual Income	\$14,718.69
July 2022 Actual Expenses	\$14,567.85
July 2022 Net	\$150.84

DEBT

Unpaid Balance on Mortgage Loan (7/31/22)	\$181,756.82
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Take Note

Please send any items and prayer concerns you'd like mentioned in our monthly newsletter to the office at 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!