

# St. Paul Lutheran

## August 2023 NEWSLETTER



### From the Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It was a very humbling experience for me to attend our Synod Convention. I have always enjoyed going to events where the church gathers in mass because it gives me a different perspective of the Church. So often, we focus so closely on our own congregation or maybe the few that exist around us. While we all know or understand that there are other churches and other Christians out there besides us, it's not until we see the fuller crowd of believers that the reality truly hits us.

The theme of our Synod Convention was "We Preach Christ Crucified" (1 Corinthians 1:23). In this verse, all of Christianity, all doctrine and teaching, and all manner of life is boiled down to one point. For this is the message that shall draw all our churches together... and not just our own, but people from every tribe and nation and language. "We" collectively have such a wonderful and powerful message to share so that we "preach". We "preach" to the world, sharing our faith with all to hear that they may know "Christ", the God-man who took upon himself our flesh and sin and was "Crucified" for us!

This is the message that not only saves us but unites us with one another. Upon this confession, we are bound together in faith and Christian love. For it binds us not just here in the USA, but across the world. At this convention, we had the distinct joy to recognize fellowship with four new Lutheran Church bodies from across the globe, namely, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan and Sudan (ELCSS/S), the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland (ELMDF), the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU), and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine (ELCU).

Yes, it was truly humbling to be a part of recognizing and experiencing the strong bond of faith and the far-reaching connections we have as the LCMS. For this was but a glimpse of the views we shall have on the last day before the throne of God, as Revelation records (Revelation 7:9). When all those who trust in Christ Crucified shall gather together and sing an eternal song, there shall be no more confusion about how "successful" the Church has been.

For let this be our encouragement in the faith. Our confession of Christ and him Crucified shall be the foundation upon which the Church endures throughout all time. It shall be the confession which joins in Christian love and charity people from all tribes, nations, languages and times to be the Holy Christian Church on earth. This confession shall be our salvation by which Christ brings us into eternal paradise! Let us preach Christ Crucified, folly to the world, but the very power of God unto salvation for all who believe!

Pastor Sorenson

PS: I have far more to share about our Synod Convention than what I am able to write here. If you are interested, feel free to ask me about it anytime!



**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 6-** (None)  
**August 13-** Richard Beal in memory of Esther Beal and Dorothy Habeck  
**August 20-** (None)  
**August 27-** (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

Berta Nelson & Chris Krueger

#### Tellers

Kay Daubenspeck & Chris Krueger

#### Ushers

#### **August 6-**

Jerry Meise, Jamie Meise, & Dan Dierks

#### **August 13-**

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, & Tom Niemczyk

#### **August 20-**

Rick Van Dusen, Ray Hellmer, & Leo Lakpa

#### **August 27-**

Jerry Meise, Jamie Meise, & Dan Dierks

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 20**– Partnership Potluck

**August 27**– Leadership Meeting

**August 29**– Vets Connect

### Partnership Potluck

Monona Lutheran has graciously invited us to participate in a partnership potluck and Corn Roast on **August 20 after church (11:15am)**. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet on the Narthex bulletin board by **August 13**. If you wish to bring a dish to the potluck, you may note that as well (though it is not required).

Directions will be given prior to the event to any who need them. There is a small parking lot in the front of the church, or you may park just across the street at Monona-Grove High School or on the street behind the church.

Address for Monona Lutheran is:

4411 Monona Dr,  
Monona, WI 53716



### Adult Bible Study

Join us in August for Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at **8am in the fireside room** as we begin a new study on the **Book of Revelation!** Dive in to this difficult, yet rewarding



book as we discuss the visions of the end of times and the coming of God's eternal kingdom. Handouts will be provided for all who attend, simply bring your bible and enjoy! If you miss a week, simply ask pastor for a copy!

## St Paul Financial Update

### GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENSES

June 2023 Actual Income	\$11,723.42
June 2023 Actual Expenses	\$15,882.97
June 2023 Net	<b>-\$4,159.55</b>

### DEBT

Unpaid Balance on Mortgage Loan (6/30/2023)	\$168,041.63
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**ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

Thank you for your help!