



# St. Paul Lutheran

September 2023 NEWSLETTER

## From the Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

None of us are the same. Even if you have an identical twin, every person is unique and different from everyone else. We don't all have the same likes or dislikes. For while this makes it difficult to satisfy everyone, it is our greatest strength. Our diversity of gifts, talents, hobbies, and passions make it so we can compliment one another and fill in gaps that one another has.

Consider that no business team, no professional athletic team, or any team whatsoever wants just one type of person. There are leaders; there are planners; there are doers, and so many more. The best team is one that brings a combination of each to compliment one another to get tasks done.

So, why can't this be the same for the church? Not only are all people different, but each church is also different from one another. And that doesn't have to be a detriment to us. Rather, we may compliment one another in ways we never knew we lacked before. For consider St. Paul's words from Romans, **"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another," Romans 12:4-5.** In this body, we are each given unique and special talents. So let us use them!

Do not think that you have no talent or gift which you can contribute to the church. In the body of Christ, there are many skills and many talents, but only one you! Should God have blessed you with leadership, come join the leadership team! If God blessed you with wealth, may you give with a cheerful heart! If God blessed you with talents in cooking, cleaning, building, planning, speaking or such, then let us find a way in which you may serve God with your talents. For there is no lack of need in the church and in the world today.

God has joined us all together that we may, by our talents and gifts, build one another up into the image of Christ. Jesus has sought to unite us in his body through his own death upon the cross. Jesus as our head seeks to fill up the body and provide everything it needs so that we may lack nothing! For when the Church, the body of Christ, works together, the whole body is glorified! So may we, with united hearts and voice work in whatever way God has given us to bring all glory and honor to Christ, our Savior!

Pastor Sorenson



## Happy Birthday!



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

## Altar Flowers



**Sept. 3-** Guy Webster  
**Sept. 10-** Kay Daubenspeck for her birthday  
**Sept. 17-** (None)  
**Sept. 24-** (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)



Note: You do NOT have to have an account in order to view these pages.

## Contact us

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### Serving in September

#### Altar Guild

Bonnie Kaschinske & Marcia Otto

#### Tellers

Bonnie Kaschinske & Jill Hellmer

#### Ushers

#### **September 3-**

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, & Tom Niemczyk

#### **September 10-**

Rick Van Dusen, Ray Hellmer, & Leo Lakpa

#### **September 17-**

Jerry Meise, Jamie Meise, & Dan Dierks

#### **September 24-**

Richard Beal, Randy Buss, & Tom Niemczyk



#### **Kidstuff Kick-Off**

Kidstuff will be resuming on September 20th from 4-5pm. There will NOT be dinners served this year due to the time change. If you or someone you know has kids interested in attending, contact Jamie Meise.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**September 10–** Sunday School Kick-off

**September 17–** Leadership Meeting

**September 20–** Kidstuff Kick-off

#### **SIDEWALK REPAIRS:**

In 2022, the City of Madison ("City") repaired part of the sidewalk by N. Sherman Avenue in front of the church. In November of 2022, the City revised its Policy for the Assessment of Street Improvements. As a result of these revisions, the cost of sidewalk sections that are removed and replaced will not be assessed to the adjacent property.

However, St. Paul Lutheran Church recently received an invoice for \$924.95 from the City for the sidewalk repairs in 2022. We have been advised by the City that we are required to pay this invoice because the repairs to the sidewalk in the front of the church occurred before the City revised its policy. We have the option of paying this invoice in full before 10-31-2023 or in five annual installments. If we pay in installments, we will be charged 2.00% interest.

We would like to pay all, or a large portion, of this invoice before 10-31-2023. If you would like to make a donation specifically for paying for the sidewalk repairs, your donation will be greatly appreciated. You may make a contribution before 10-16-2023 either by marking on your envelope or your check that your contribution is for sidewalk repairs, or by making a payment online through the website [www.stpaulmadison.org](http://www.stpaulmadison.org).

#### **Back to (Sunday) School!**

Sunday school is starting again on September 10! Sunday school is open to all children from birth through eighth grade (ages 0-2 with a parent). We will meet at the same time as adult Bible study, 8 am on Sundays.



### **St Paul Financial Update**

#### **GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENSES**

July 2023 Actual Income	\$18,555.06
July 2023 Actual Expenses	\$16,310.52
July 2023 Net	\$2,244.54

#### **DEBT**

Unpaid Balance on Mortgage Loan (7/31/2023)	\$167,251.15
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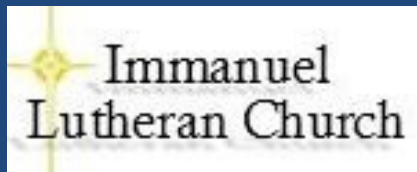
Please send any items you'd like mentioned in our monthly newsletter to the office at [office@stpaulmadison.org](mailto:office@stpaulmadison.org), or please call the office at 608-244-8077.

**Take Note**

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

Thank you for your help!

# LCMS Madison Church Partnership



## Joint Church Potluck

On August 20th, we joined together at Monona Lutheran Church for a Corn Roast and Potluck. There were roughly 60 people in attendance from the four different churches! We greatly enjoyed getting to know our fellow brothers and sisters from these other congregations. We are looking ahead to more events like this as we continue to work together for the building up of God's kingdom.



## Upcoming In September

### Joint Bible Study

Immanuel has long held a Wednesday morning Bible study. In light of our budding partnership with St Paul, Monona, and Our Savior Deaf, we would like to invite members from our sister churches to join us.

We start at 9:00am with treats and chit-chat. The Bible study proper starts around 9:30am and goes for an hour. We typically work through a book of the Bible, with occasional detours to discuss the theological implications of current events or questions from the group. At the moment, we are working through the book of James.

The group meets at Immanuel (1021 Spaight St, Madison, WI 53703) downstairs in the lake-view room. Enter the church from Immanuel's side door (look for a mailbox) head down the stairs and hang a right.

### + Eyes That Hear +

Come join us (Our Savior, Monona, St. Paul and Immanuel) as we present a lively discussion on the ins and outs of deaf ministry, and the ways God works His marvelous love found in the Gospel among all—also the deaf.

Hear about the History of deaf ministry in the LC-MS and the strides that have been made over the years. Find out what it is like to be deaf, their struggles and ways we reach out to them so they too know Christ Crucified.

Hear how deaf ministry was stated at Monona Lutheran, and if interested how you can reach out to the deaf through your own church.

Lastly, for those interested we will offer an opportunity to learn some basic sign or even sign up for a sign language class free of charge from Pastor Nowak. Monona Lutheran is now the hub for deaf ministry in Madison for the LC-MS.

Hope you can join us on Sunday September 24th at 2pm right here at Monona Lutheran in Monona and obtain "Eyes That Hear."

## Update on Progress:

After several months of talking about, getting ready for, and looking ahead to this partnership, we have finally taken a large step towards greater collaboration between our Churches in Madison. On August 27th, a committee of Pastors and lay members of the four churches met at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We had time to get to know one another as well as start planning events for our churches to work together.

Our hope and goal of this committee is that our Churches may work together to do even more than any one of us can accomplish alone. While this is not a formal arrangement, we hope to spend ample time getting to know one another as we plan future events and activities to build up God's Kingdom here in Madison. We hope that these activities will aid all four churches in our work together, so we not see ourselves competing with one another over members, time, and resources.

We are always open to new ideas and wish to be as transparent as possible. To that end, the committee members are listed below. If you have any comments, thoughts, or questions, reach out to one of them.

Partnership Planning Committee		
Monona	Immanuel	St. Paul
Pastor Tom Nowak	Pastor Michael Erdman	Pastor Grant Sorenson
Jeff Thur	Suzanne Folberg	Linda Williamson
Bess MacLeod	Stephen Lee	Kay Daubenspeck
Richard Belling (Our Savior)	Bonnie Perkins	

**Our next committee meeting will be held on September 10 at 1:30pm at St. Paul.**

## Joint Reformation Service

We will be looking to join together again in worship for a joint Reformation service on **October 29th, 2pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church**. It promises to be a wonderful service for our four churches (St. Paul, Immanuel, Monona, and Our Savior Deaf).

While many details are still in the works, there is discussion of holding a *joint church choir* which will sing at the Reformation service. There will likely be one or two practices prior to the service. More details should be available in the coming weeks so listen closely for announcements. If you are interested, contact Pastor Sorenson to let him know.

## Upcoming Dates:

**September 10 (1:30pm)**- Partnership Council  
(St. Paul)

**September 24 (2pm)**– Eyes that Hear  
(Monona)

**October 8 (1:30pm)**- Partnership Council  
(Monona)

**October 29 (2pm)**- Joint Reformation Service  
(Immanuel)