

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## Worship Week by Week

### **Sunday, September 3 St. Paul Lutheran -9:00 am**

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

### **Sunday, September 10 St. Paul Lutheran -9:00 am**

#### **St. John's Lutheran -11:00 am**

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

### **Sunday, September 17 St. Paul Lutheran -9:00 am**

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

### **Sunday, September 24 St. Paul Lutheran -9:00 am**

#### **St. John's Lutheran -11:00 am**

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

# Congregation News



## SEPTEMBER



Eric Arenholz	September 3
Chase Skarpness	September 3
Debby Klein	September 3
Tyler Koch	September 11
Dick Fridley	September 11
Paul Flint	September 12
Jay Crawford	September 13
Jim Hilton	September 13
Judy Holbrook	September 14
Robert Abendschein	September 15
Scout Van Wert	September 16
Kathy Brandt	September 17
Amber Morton-Dann	September 17
Lowell Lange	September 18
Shirley Lange	September 18
EIDean Madetzke	September 18
Layla Arenholz	September 19
Christen Foster-Thomas	Sept 19
Hallie McCormick	September 21
Karen Hintch	September 21
Jessica Ellias-Viet	September 25
Dawson Wikert	September 26
Jeff Jaacks	September 27
Howard Brandt	September 27
Clint Burmester	September 28
Sharon Schwab	September 28
Zach Maas	September 30

### CELEBRATING AN *Anniversary*



Mike & Nadine Goodwin	September 1
Don and Marilyn Latham	September 1
Kyle & Shelby McCormick	September 5
Jim & Janet Kohls	September 7
Leland & Jane Dhondt	September 9
George & Edna Wright	September 11
Ethan and Jessica Viet	September 12
Jerrod & Brandi Wikert	September 25
Clint & Jill Burmester	September 27
David & Teresa Fielding	September 29
Patrick & Maurita Sietsema	September 29

### Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Open House at Harriman Park honoring Debby Klein in celebration of her 90th birthday on Sunday, Sept 3rd from 1:30-4:00 pm. All are welcome! No gifts please. God's Blessings on your special birthday!

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

#### Prayer List:

**Terry Wheeler, Justin Mejia, Steve Sandvig, John Sandvig, Verna Humburg, Ev Fink, Jo Klein, Nancy Knipfel, Nancy Showalter, Michael Norman (son of Sheena English), Jim Kohls, Leland Dhondt, Grant and Nicole Woodley and the Call Committee Process.**

# Participating in Worship:

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Reader	Ushers for the month
September 3	Oliver Arenholz and Diane Weldin	Jay and Sally Van Wert	Larry Alquist	Ron Weldin Jay Ketelson Cael Burmester Clint Burmester
September 10	Jayson and Jaymes Stevens and <b>NEED</b>	The Clint Burmester Family	Larry Alquist	
September 17	Jacob Donnenwerth And <b>NEED</b>	Paul and Sue Flint	Della Speich	
September 24	Rayne and Reeve Wagner And <b>NEED</b>	The Clint Burmester Family	Della Speich	

## Coffee Hour:

We are in need of volunteers to serve and provide treats for coffee hour. Please consider volunteering.

# Stewardship Report

	Giving
August 6	\$4,285.00
August 13	\$2,505.00
August 20	\$ 796.00
August 27	\$2,389.00

**Total for August**

**\$ 9,975.00**

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**We thank the families of Gladys Amendt and Robert Torgerson for their memorial gifts given to St. Paul Lutheran.**

\* Giving totals include: Weekly Giving, Simply Giving, Building donations and Radio broadcast.



Summer is almost over already. Are you ready for fall? It will be here whether we're ready or not. We have been collecting items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Thanks to you for the donations we have achieved our goal of 50 kits! Thank you!!!

### **Lutheran World Relief.....Where did the quilts go in 2022?**

These quilts were shipped from LWR's 2022 fiscal year. (Oct. 2021-Sept. 2022).

462,262 quilts and kits in 19 countries; 220,317 quilts, 1,650 blankets, 94,060 personal care kits, 90,860 school kits, 46,560 baby care kits, 8,815 fabric kits and 31,950 face masks. **WOW! That is a lot of quilts and kits!!!**

### **Here are a few opportunities for WELCA:**

**September 14:** Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Radcliffe has invited us to the annual guest night salad supper on Thursday, September 14. Guest Speaker will be Kathy Taggart. *Longing for Love Letters...* Kathy Shares a variety of love letters we may be receiving and sending.. Both the good ones and the not so good! Our God, most definitely, sends the very best love letters.. It's time we re-read them. It's time we learn how to send them to others. Kathy offers a warm and witty look at ourselves, and an important message about the God who love us and call us to act. There will be a sign up sheet to carpool in the fellowship hall.

**September 21: Priscilla Circle ...At 1:30 pm here at St. Paul.**

**Quilting and Coffee hour every Wednesday beginning at 9:00 am.**



## **August 20 Harriman Park**

**We had a great turn out, considering the heat! Everyone enjoyed worshipping together, great food and fellowship!**



# Baptism



Celebrating with joy,  
Ethel Juhl  
Miller  
child of God.

Baptized:  
August 27, 2023



**God's Work, Our Hands...**St. Paul Lutheran will be participating in **God's Work, Our Hands** on the afternoon of **Sept. 10**. We hope to visit our members that are in Care Centers, Assisted Living or Homebound. Letters have been sent out to those members and when we have a schedule of the visits we will be asking for volunteers to make these visits.



The Board of Education is excited to begin Sunday School this fall! On September 10 we will have a sign up sheet for parents who want their children to participate in Sunday School. We hope to get a good response from all who will be dedicated to participate! Please consider getting your children involved!

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Monthly Council Meeting  
August 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mari Cramer. Those in attendance were: Mari Cramer, Steph Korth, Patrick Sietsema, Kent Cramer, Beth Whalen, Robyn Kofoot, Marcus Kofoot, and Charlene Richtsmeier.

Mari opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 meeting was made by Steph, seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial summary and budget report was reviewed. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Marcus, seconded. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Education: Robyn – Will have a sign-up sheet for Sunday School.

Call Committee: Robyn continues to email Pastor Liz each week checking on progress in securing a pastor.

Life and Growth: Beth – Potluck will be August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Property and Management: Patrick & Kent– 1) Patio has been completed. 2) Windows are being re-glazed. 3) Painter is scheduled to start Labor Day weekend.

Stewardship: Marcus – A memorial has been received from the family of Bob Torgerson. Offering envelopes have been ordered.

Worship and Music: No report.

Youth: No report.

WELCA: No report.

Old Business: Nothing to discuss.

New Business: A motion to replace the speaker at the front of the church was made by Robyn, seconded. Motion carried.

1) The Hampton Senior Center is asking for a donation as their budget has been dramatically cut. 2) Hampton-Dumont school will be packing Heartland meals on September 15<sup>th</sup>. **Requesting volunteers and/or donations.** 3) **God's Work Our Hands day** is September 10. Council discussed people visiting the home bound and nursing home residents.

**Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.** Moved by Steph to adjourn the meeting, seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Next Meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted:

Charlene Richtsmeier



**Council Meeting**

The next Meeting will be  
September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



**A note of thanks from Dick Fridley...**

**Thank you for making me feel so wel-  
come at the church picnic. I look forward to  
taking part in more church activities.**

**Dick**

**Thank you!**

**Thank you to Randy DeVries for mowing the lawn this summer!**

**Thank you to Dale Blau for keeping the landscaping looking so awesome!**

**Thank you to Torie Korth for spraying the weeds!**

**We appreciate you!!**



**Opportunity to serve:**

Altar Guild—We are in need of people to help with Altar Guild the months of October, November and December. It is not a complicated job. If you want to know what it involves or volunteer, please contact Evelyn Cross or Ady at the office.

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cross of Christ for-  
ever, we are cl aimed,  
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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*Living in God's amazing grace*

*We are called through baptism to be a  
welcoming community of faith, grounded  
in worship and prayer, so that we may  
grow in Christ-like forgiveness and love.*