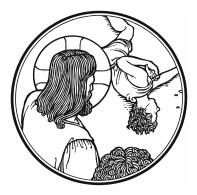
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Aberdeen, SD 57401 605-225-1847

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021



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Celebrating *Matins*: Today is Rally Day. At this time, we will begin Sunday School for kids in preschool to grade 12. We will also be celebrating *Matins*. *Matins* is an order of worship that's a bit shorter than our other services with lots of singing. Also, there is no communion for *Matins* (you can find it on page 219 in your hymnal). We will continue to use *Matins* on the first Sunday of every month and will also use the extra time during the service to acknowledge all baptismal birthdays for the month along with all anniversaries, so please contact the church office if you do not think we have that information. We will also have our stewardship reading and children's sermon during this service. *Matins* is a beautiful order of service and wonderful way to start the month!

A new Wednesday Bible Study will begin on September 15th at 10:00 am. 1 Samuel is a wonderful book where we get to see God forgive Israel time and time again. We get to read about some political intrigue in the rise and fall of Saul. Also, we get some amazing stories, such as David and Goliath. It is a wonderful book that sets up so many future stories in the Bible and we get a glimpse of what the greater King will be like. This Bible study will be led by Pastor Smith.

Youth Group – Messianic Movies: This new youth group study starts Sept. 12th from 5-7 PM. Join us as we analyze the messianic themes found in "The Matrix." We will continue to learn how pop culture reflects the story of the Bible. By doing this, we can better appreciate the truth found in God's Word. All stories, even secular ones, imitate the Bible because Jesus is Lord over all!

Welcome new member, Kelly Widstom, by Affirmation of Faith.

The Devotional Challenge Book: Join us for the next Tuesday night adult Bible study! The study starts on September 14th at 7 PM and will be led by our DCE Intern, Michael Leapley! We will be taking on the challenges found in "The Devotional Challenge Book" by Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller--a pastor in the LCMS. Most people realize that if you want to get better at something, it takes practice. Musicians get better by practicing with their band, athletes get better by practicing with their teammates, and if you want to get better at being healthy and fit, you go to a workout class at the gym! So we'll be doing the same thing in this Bible study as we practice getting better in our devotional lives with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

MAIN STREET LIVING – Sept. 19, 2021 10:00 AM – This the Life – *"Look to the Mountain"* 10:30 AM – Rev. David Warner brings the message "*The Struggle for Peace*" based on Mark 9:30-37. For more information go to the web site: <u>www.mainstreetliving.com</u>.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Sept. 19, 2021 "Scrapped Gifts" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Preschool grocery receipts: Kessler's and Ken's have changed dates as to collection of grocery receipts. We will accept receipts with a start date of August 15, 2021.

A Prayer Service will be held on **TODAY** at 12:30pm. Prayers will include students and teachers.

A Voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 2021 following the 10:45 am worship service. Packets are available on the table in the South Narthex.

Little Ones' Book Club – Our youngest children (Baptism through age 3) have a Bible-based book waiting for them in the south narthex. Please take it home, read, and enjoy! It's yours to keep!

Organists: Sunday – Cyrece Kono Monday: Tierra Cassens

Offering: September 5, 2021 - \$11,057.00 Coffee - \$81.00 Missions - \$30.00 Shepherd Fund - \$454.28

Sunday Attendance – September 5, 2021: 8:00am – 81 Communed – 68 10:45am –83 Communed - 64 Monday – 32 Communed – 25

Bible Study Attendance: Sunday – 46 Wednesday – 9

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Sept. 12- Sept. 19)

Sun 8:00 amWorship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee & Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Prayer Service
1:00 pm Elder Bible Study
5-7pm Youth Group Meeting

- Mon 5:00 pm Altar Guild Meeting 6:15 pm Worship Service
- Tue 7:00 pmDevotional Challenges Bible Study

Wed 6:00 am Men's Morning Bible Study 10:00 am 1 Samuel Bible Study 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Confirmation

- Thurs 9:00 am Quilting 7:00 pm Rural Gospel Initiative
- Sat 8:00 am Rural Field Seminar

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

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Old Testament Isaiah 50:4-10

4The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. 5The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious: I turned not backward. 6 gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. 7But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. 8He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. 10Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Ephesians 4:1–6

1 therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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Gospel Mark 9:14–29

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

21And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." 24Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said. "He is dead." 27But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

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September Baptismal Birthdays

Ronald Droog Ron Frohling Connie Green Collin Hjermstad Mykah Hjermstad BrookLyn Lout Geraldine McIntire Lowell McIntire Sam Mesmer Kevin Payne Garrett Riley Joel Riley Cheryl Robinson Weston Sauerwein Cynthia Stadel Betty Streckfuss David Swanhorst Gail Swanston

Joanne Wolf

September Wedding Anniversaries

Terry & Sue Ellingson Ron & Nancy Frohling Eric & Karen Hermans Lloyd and Kim Hodgin Kenny & Norma Kilber Daniel & Sheri Larson William & Debra Menzel Jon & Patti Mesmer Jason & Mackenzie Oberfoell Kelly & Amy Schmitz Jerry and Betty Streckfuss

(If you should be on this list and are not, please contact the church office.)