# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS) Aberdeen, SD 57401

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# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

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Rev. Jacob Smith, Assistant Pastor (586-556-6077) pastorjacobs@stpaulsaberdeen.org Pastor Ray Anderson – 605-380-3710 Lighthouse Preschool Director (725-1855) directorlhps@stpaulsaberdeen.org Cindy Jung, Church Admin – cindyj@stpaulsaberdeen.org Michael Leapley, DCE – michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org www.stpaulsaberdeen.org Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Ann Thompson, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Jim Busch, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Roger Huff, and Gary Brown.

**Please inform the Pastors** or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

Ephesians Summer Sermon Series, "One God, One Body, One Call": through the summer, we will be preaching on St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. St. Paul had probably been a missionary for about 17 years before he first reached the city of Ephesus in what is modern day Turkey. First century Ephesus was a prosperous urban center, where goods passed from China and inland Asia Minor to Italy. It had a theater that could hold 25,000 people and a temple to the god Artemis considered one of the seven wonders of the world since it was four times the size of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece, Paul and his fellow worker spent two and a half years in Ephesus preaching the Gospel and training leaders to take responsibility after they left. Eventually, after a trip to Jerusalem, St. Paul was imprisoned and led to Rome (Acts 21:27-28:31). He was most likely released around AD 60 but rearrested and returned to Rome two or three years later. It was during this imprisonment that he wrote his letter to the Ephesians. Paul wanted to unify the churches he had already established around the Mediterranean world into one Church in Christ.

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

**The Lighthouse Preschool** has openings for a bus driver and a bus aide. The bus driver position is for the afternoon shift 3:15–4:15 pm and the bus aide position is for the morning shift 11:00-12:00pm. These positions can be split between several individuals. Wednesdays off. See flyer on table in the South Narthex.

**Organist:** Sunday – Cyrece Kono Monday – Judah Bobby **2 Samuel Bible Study-** Come join us on Wednesdays at 10:00am, as we look into 2 Samuel. 2 Samuel deals with David's reign as king and goes until his death in chapter 24. We get to see all of David's flaws and strengths but above all else we get to see how God's mercy and grace prevail throughout time! Pastor Smith

**Higher Things Retreat:** *The Devoted, Devotional Life* - August 12-13 at Our Savior Lutheran Church. There are 168 hours in a week. Even if we are faithful, we are probably only spending 2 hours a week in worship and Bible study. What about the other 166? We sleep some but that is still a lot of time. How should we, as redeemed, baptized children of God spend our time? We will explore this and a few more things when we explore "The Devoted, Devotional Life."

**Screwtape Letters Bible Study** - Begins on Wednesday, August 3rd at 7pm and will be ongoing weekly from there. *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." Join us in a study, led by DCE Michael Leapley, on one of C.S. Lewis's most engaging works. It has much to teach us on idolatry in our own lives and in society around us.

**Wednesday Women's Bible Study** will resume on September 14, 2022 at 5:15 pm. This Bible study will read and discuss the book "*Chosen*" by Donna Snow. The Book of Esther is one of the most fascinating books of the Bible because of all its words, God's name never appears. That doesn't mean God is absent. Rather, that God is ever present, weaving His plan though every part of Esther's narrative. Set at a lavish feast in the Persian Empire, and following a beauty contest, you can see how God uses Esther to save an entire nation from annihilation. This study provides clear biblical direction on how we also are chosen, equipped, and given God's perfect counsel from Scripture. All women are invited to participate in this Bible Study.

The church office will be closed from August 8 to August 11<sup>th</sup> until noon.

The Church newsletter is now on St. Paul's website. Go to the NEWS tab and select newsletters.

#### **Our Brothers and Sisters in Finland**

Some of you may be aware that two members of our sister church in Finland have been charged with "inciting hate" for teaching the truth of Scripture both the Law and the Gospel. Pastor Andreasen of Our Savior and St. John's Lutheran Churches was granted the opportunity to visit a few of their churches during the month of June. You are invited and welcome to attend on August 20 from 9AM-11AM to hear about his trip, the life of the congregations there, and be encouraged by their steadfastness to our Lord Jesus and His Word and Sacraments.

Bible Study: Sunday – 49 Wed: 6am - 6 10:00 am – 11 7:00 pm - 30 Offering: July 31, 2022 - \$8,797.00 Coffee - \$74.00 Amount to meet Budget: \$13,012.00 per week

Sunday Attendance – July 31, 2022: 8:00am – 88 Communed - 73 10:45am – 95 Communed – 76 Monday – 42 Communed - 35

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (August 7-14)

Sun8:00 amWorship Service9:30 amBible Study, Coffee and Donuts10:45 amWorship Service

Mon 6:15 pm Worship

Wed 6:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am 2 Samuel Bible Study 7:00 pm Screwtape Letters Bible Study

- Thur6:30 pmPreschool OrientationFri-SatHigher Things Youth Our Savior
- Sun 8:00 am Worship Service 9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and Donuts 10:45 amWorship Service 5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

#### Reading Genesis 15:1–6

P: A reading from Genesis, chapter 15.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GoD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

- P: O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### Reading Ephesians 5:15–21

P: A reading from Ephesians, chapter 5.

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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#### Reading Luke 12:22–34

P: A reading from Luke, chapter 12.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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# August Baptismal Birthdays

Emily Anderson Evelyn Blum Tina Board Simon Bobby Sue Ellingson Benjamin Fischbach Dianne Ford Renee Frohling Alline Heidenreich Brady Huff Marge Janke Avery Jones Evalyn Kaiser Kevin Kayser Kevin Lout Scott Meier Klarissa Neys April Olson Sharon Retzlaff Joe Ritter Debra Roettele Laurel Schamber Jennifer Schaunaman Debbra Smith Ellett Smith Kjersten Staebner Brandon Steger Grace Steger Hannah Steger Kathryn Steger Vern Stoecker Nolan Viola Kylie Werner Kari Zinter

# August Wedding Anniversaries

Dennis & Sandra Angerhofer Thomas & Diane Agnitsch Thomas & Yvonne Appletoft Donald & Carol Erdmann Clint & Tara Fjelstad Larry & Cindy Jung Leslie & Kathy Jung Alan & Debra Kones Lowell & Geraldine McIntire Jerald & Betty Ochsner Everett & Jeanie Quam Joseph & Shelly Sinar Cheryl Sommers David & Cynthia Stadel Jesse & Laura Staebner Paul & Cheryl Zinter Tim & Kari Zinter

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

**Everyone is invited to the Daniel Wold Foundation Walk and Silent Auction** Fundraiser on Sunday, August 28, 2022 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's. The mission of the Daniel Wold Foundation is to reflect God's glory by helping others. The foundation is a 501 (c) (3) and the money raised with go toward scholarships to NSU and other projects supporting persons with disabilities. Ribbons will be available for participants to place on the tree in memory or honor of loved ones. If you wish to have someone's name read during the gathering at the NSU Cancer Tree, please mail the information to <u>danielwoldfoundation@nvc.net</u>.

Schedule:

4:30-5:00 p.m. Silent Auction Bidding - St. Paul's Lutheran Gym

5:00-5:30 p.m. Walk or Drive to Cancer Tree - NSU

6:00 p.m. Auction Winners Announced – St. Paul's Lutheran Gym

T-shirts and long sleeve shirts are available to order until August 10th. If you want wish to order shirts, you can use the following link: <u>https://stores.inksoft.com/daniel\_wold\_foundation\_2022\_ann/shop/home</u>

**Aberdeen Area Lutherans for Life** will have a booth at the Brown County Fair August 15th-August 21st. Each church is responsible for filling their assigned day and the days will remain the same as it has in past years. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the South Narthex.

### Nomination of Lay Delegate to the Synod Convention 2023

The Circuit Forum will be meeting at 4PM on August 21 at Our Savior Lutheran in Aberdeen, primarily to elect the lay and pastoral delegates (and alternates) to represent the circuit at the 2023 LCMS Convention July 29-August 3. All eligible circuit pastors are automatically on the ballot, but it is necessary to have nominations for lay representatives. This service is funded by the congregations of the District so travel, lodging, and meals are provided. Please consider someone in your congregation, a sister congregation in the circuit, or even if you are willing to serve as our representative. This does need to be done before the Circuit Forum on August 21. Please ensure the individual is willing to serve and submit the nomination to Rev. Jordon Andreasen our circuit visitor via email at revandreasen@gmail.com or calling the office at Our Savior Lutheran (605) 225-7106.