

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

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Dora Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Edward Les Young, Diane Hickenbotham, Cora Burrer, Jerald Loeb, Phyllis Hite, Lowell McIntire, Geraldine McIntire, Charles Frohling, Martha Jerke, and Gloria Anderson.

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

Meatball Dinner – TODAY - 4:30-6:30 pm.

On the first Sunday of month, the Shepherd Funds are collected. The money donated is given to the Journey to help those in need in our community.

Donations Needed (Youth Group Half-Nighter) – The youth group half-nighter will be on Friday, October 20th. We were so grateful last year for the way people supported the youth and their time together, so I wanted to make known our needs for this year's event. We are in need of quarters for the Retrocade, and we could use soda and snacks for throughout the night. Please let DCE Michael Leapley know if you can provide for any of these needs. Thank you.

CUNE Visit Day “A Life Called” – October 7-9. The St. Paul's Lutheran Youth Group (Aberdeen, SD) is going on a trip to Concordia Nebraska to learn about their 5 church work programs: Director of Christian Education, Director of Parish Music, Lutheran Teacher, Pre-Deaconess, and Pre-Seminary. This visit will be geared towards higher schoolers considering CUNE and a church work vocation. We will leave from Aberdeen on October 7 at 1pm and return to Aberdeen on October 9 by 10pm. If you're interested in joining the St. Paul's Youth Group for this trip, please contact DCE Michael Leapley by email michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org or phone (262) 378-9958.

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

Organist: Sunday - Sue Ellingson **Wednesday** – Cindy Jung
Kessler's and Ken's Grocery Receipts – Beginning September 1st the Lighthouse Preschool is collecting grocery receipts. The bins are located in the hallway by the coat rack. Be sure the receipts are dated after September 1st and prior to May 31st.

Welcome Marcie Jutting to St. Paul's, by transfer from Mount Olive in Watertown.

October is Pastor/DCE appreciation month.

Newsletter – The October/November newsletter is now on-line on St. Paul's website. Select the NEWS tab and the newsletters tab.

The LWML will be collecting the following travel size items: comb, wash cloth, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and nail clipper. For hygiene bags to hand out to people in Guatemala. If you wish to donate, we will have a basket in the South Narthex until Oct. 8th.

Funeral Planning Sheet- Feel free to pick one up in the narthex, fill it out, and turn it back into the office. This gives you and your family a way to not only plan the readings and hymns at your funeral but to discuss what a Christian funeral should look like and the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

MAIN STREET LIVING – Oct. 8, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – *"Families Come First"* **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher presents the message "The Anatomy of a List" based on Deuteronomy 10:12-21. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Oct. 8, 2023 *"Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord"* Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Offering: September 24, 2023 - \$9,327.25

Coffee - \$98.00 Sunday School - \$24.00 Missions - \$100.00

Amount to meet Budget: \$13,615.00 per week

Sunday Attendance: September 24, 2023:

8:00am – 94 Communed - 80 **10:45am** — 106 Communed - 78

Wed: 21 Communed - 16

Bible Study: Sun. – 63 Wed: 10am – 9 5:15pm - 3 7pm - 7

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (October 1 - 8)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

4:30 – 6:30 pm Meatball dinner

Wed 5:15 pm Five Loaves Supper

6:15 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Confirmation

Thurs 9:00 am Good Cheer Circle Meeting

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Prayer Service

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

Reading *Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

L A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 18.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die.

²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.

²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading *Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

L A reading from Philippians, chapter 2.

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility

count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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C Thanks be to God.

Reading *Matthew 21:23–27*

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 21.

C: ²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

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October Baptismal Birthdays

Diane Agnitsch
 Jasper Anderson
 Roger Blum
 Charlotte Bode
 Harley Bode
 Harrison Bode
 Beverly Borchard
 Esther Erlenbusch
 Ronnie Gruenstein
 Kellen Hack
 Karen Hermans
 Phyllis Hite
 Kay Hohenecker

Rebecca Jeschke
 Mia Jung
 Skip Klapperich
 Maesyn Klapperich
 Linda Lickfelt
 Joy Mammenga
 Connie Munsch
 Nels Olson
 Glennda Ritter
 Claire Schaunaman
 Brody Schmitz
 Kennedy Schwab
 Hannah Wakefield

October Wedding Anniversaries

Doug & Renee Frohling
 Chad & Kendra Huff
 Daniel & Melinda Johnson
 Jeffrey & Alicia Krueger
 Kevin & Sarah Lout

Paul & Joy Mammenga
 Donald & Nicole Meyer
 Joe & Glennda Ritter
 Corey & Jennifer Sauerwein
 Paul & Gail Swanston

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