

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

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, 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, Everett Quam, Jerald Loebbs, Phyllis Hite, Lowell McIntire, Martha Jerke, and Gloria Anderson.

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

Prayer Service – TODAY at 12:30 pm. – Prayers for laborers.

Quilting will begin on September 21, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Gathering God's Flock – Sunday, Sept. 17th at 2:00 pm.

LWML meeting and lunch has been moved to Thurs., Sept. 21 at 11:30am.

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.

Jesus Door-2-Door – Sept. 23 (9am-4pm). This event will be hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD. Come be strengthened in your faith by spreading the gospel and giving a confession of what you believe. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself!

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

Organist: Sunday – Sue Ellingson **Wednesday:** Cindy Jung

Faith and Reason – Join us for a Bible study that will focus on the intersection of faith and reason. Do we have to take everything at blind faith? Can we only know things through reason? Do faith and reason contradict each other? We will tackle these questions and more in our study! Taught by DCE Michael Leapley.

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.

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 – Sept. 17, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “*Look to the Mountain*” **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Sam Handschke presents the message “What Does Jesus Mean?” *based on Matthew 18:21-35* For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Sept. 17, 2023 “*The Problem of Praise*” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. 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 3, 2023 - \$7,847.00

Coffee - \$81.50 Missions \$30.00 Shepherd Fund - \$289.14

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

Sunday Attendance: September 3, 2023:

8:00am – 72 Communed - 60 **10:45am** – 76 Communed – 57

Wed: 29 Communed - 24

Bible Study: Sunday – 45 Wed: 10am – 6 7pm - 10

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (September 10-17)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

Wed 10:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Women's Bible Study

6:15 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Faith & Reason Bible Study

7:00 pm Confirmation

Sat 8am – Noon Fall All Boards Retreat

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

2:00 pm Gathering God's Flock

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

Reading *Ezekiel 33:7–9*

L A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 33.

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading *Romans 13:1–10*

L A reading from Romans, chapter 13.

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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C Thanks be to God.

Reading *Matthew 18:1–20*

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 18.

C: ¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that

every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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September Baptismal Birthdays

Leah Anderson

Ronald Droog

Ron Frohling

Connie Green

Collin Hjermstad

Mykah Hjermstad

Brian Johnson

Brooklyn Lout

Geraldine McIntire

Lowell McIntire

Sam Mesmer

Cheryl Robinson

Weston Sauerwein

Cynthia Stadel

Muriel Stoecker

David Swanhorst

Gail Swanston

September Wedding Anniversaries

Terry & Sue Ellingson

Ron & Nancy Frohling

Eric & Karen Hermans

Lloyd & Kim Hodgins

Kenny & Norma Kilber

Daniel & Sheri Larson

William & Debra Menzel

Jon & Patti Mesmer

Jason & Mackenzie Oberfoell

Kelly & Amy Schmitz

Jerry & Betty Streckfuss

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