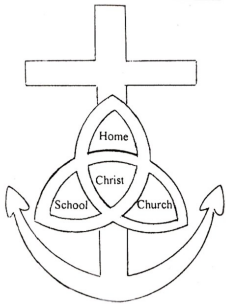


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July 2025



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The Cost of Freedom

John Adams, in a letter to his wife Abigail dated July 3, 1776, wrote, "I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory." He knew that simply declaring independence from Britain would not make it so. This is still the case today. I wonder if Americans will see the same light and glory through all the gloom we see today. Are we Americans ready to pay the cost of toil, blood, and treasure for the freedom and liberty many died for?

We are born slaves to sin and helpless to free ourselves. Jesus has already paid the cost of spiritual freedom from sin, death, and the devil. He paid the ransom for all sins and redeemed us from slavery through His innocent suffering and death. His sacrifice once for all is large enough for all sin, and all people can be free. His resurrection is proof of this redemption. The Holy Spirit works in our hearts and minds, faith in Christ and His Word. He creates and sustains that faith.

Christians understand this concept of cost to maintain the truth and love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. St. Peter says in 1 Peter 1:6-7, "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." Christians have paid and are still today paying the cost with toil, blood, and treasure. While we may not have faced the kind of deadly persecution other Christians face, we are ready to pay the cost with our lives. The work we do and the money we give supports the cause of freedom. We stand with Christ on the side of the freedom of the Gospel.

Too many people remain in slavery to sin; and other people have abused their freedom and again find themselves on the wrong side. We must fight for their freedom by being examples of Christ to the world and standing firm in our faith in God and His Word. The only hope for a world caught in sin is to show the love of Christ and proclaim God's Word of Law and Gospel. We are beacons of liberty from sin, and we will remain faithful to this cause no matter the cost.

Love in Christ, Pastor



**“With faith, we ask.
In love, we wait.
For Pastor Newton, we pray.”**

Pastor Newton visited us this past Wednesday the 25th. Please keep him and his family in prayer as he considers the Call we extended to him.



President's Notes

Just a reminder to all members that July 13th will be our semi-annual voter's meeting. Items presently on the agenda for discussion will be the current fiscal year budget projection, other financial reports and an update on the property sale. The fiscal year 25-26 budget will be discussed and presented for approval as well.

In July we will also begin work on the installation of air conditioning in the sanctuary and offices. It is hoped that we can complete most of the underground before school starts in mid-August. Work on installing the units and condensers will occur throughout the summer while we await the new electrical service scheduled for late summer/early fall. A big thank you to Lee and Mark for volunteering to manage the work.

As always, please contact me with any questions

Bob Mortimer

312.316.6519

Thank You

Our family would like to say thank you for your prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, flowers and food donations. A special thank you to those that donated in Ron's name to the Frieda Pickreign-Jane Reineck scholarship fund. It was a cause very dear to him.

Gail Schabacker and family

A BIG thank you for all the prayers, visits and calls while Jack was in the hospital and rehab. Each and everyone was truly appreciated.

Jack & Lea Schinzer

MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING

Christian Senior Ministries

Christian Senior Ministries brings the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are no longer in their own home but now reside in a nursing home, assisted living facility, senior housing, or special needs housing (in DeKalb and Ogle counties). Christian Senior Ministries is a recognized service organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Timothy Frick visits the Rochelle sites. Marcy covers the first Thursdays of the month for Pastor Frick.

This ministry offers services like worship services, Bible studies, one-on-one visits, and opportunities for Christian fellowship, all aimed at bringing the Gospel to those who may not be able to attend regular church services.

Key aspects of Christian Senior Ministries as an LCMS RSO:

Focus on Senior Care: The ministry specifically targets individuals in senior living facilities, addressing their unique needs and challenges

Gospel-Centered:

The core of the ministry is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, Bible studies, and personal interaction.

LCMS Affiliation:

As an RSO, it operates independently but is recognized by the LCMS and aligns with its mission and doctrine.

Partnering with Congregations:

Christian Senior Ministries collaborates with St. John Lutheran Church in Sycamore, IL, demonstrating how RSOs work with local congregations to extend their reach.

We will be gathering your generous gifts the weekend of July 19 & 20.

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

July 13 after our worship service

Current items on the agenda:

Current fiscal year budget projection

Other financial reports

Update on the property sale.

Fiscal year 25-26 budget for discussion and approval

The Parish Nurse's Notes:

Dear St. Paul Family and Friends,

The health letter this month was written by Maggie Niemi. Maggie has been part of the parish nurse team for several years and has served in many ways. Most recently she has been assisting with some nursing home or homebound visits, coordinating the "Blue Christmas" Grief Event, and assisting with various needs.

Protecting Our Skin: A Gift from God

Our skin is a remarkable creation—our body's largest organ, designed by God to protect us from harm. Just as we care for our hearts and minds, we must also nurture our skin, ensuring it remains healthy and strong.

Biblical Wisdom on Caring for Our Bodies

The Bible reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit:

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

By caring for our skin, we honor God's creation and show gratitude for the life He has given us.

Practical Tips for Skin Health

- **Protect Against the Sun:** Excessive sun exposure can lead to damage. Use sunscreen, wear protective clothing, and seek shade when needed.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Drinking plenty of water keeps our skin nourished and healthy.
- **Maintain a Healthy Diet:** Foods rich in vitamins and antioxidants support skin health.
- **Practice Kindness to Yourself:** Our worth is not defined by appearance.

Skin Inspection for Tick and Mosquito Bites

Ticks and mosquitoes can carry infections that affect our health. Regular skin checks can help detect early signs of infection and prevent complications.

Tick Bites: After spending time outdoors, especially in wooded or grassy areas, inspect your skin for ticks. If a tick is attached, removing it properly is crucial. **A credit card-style tick remover** is often **more effective than tweezers**, as it minimizes the risk of squeezing the tick's body, which could release harmful bacteria into the bite area. These flat, wallet-sized tick removal cards have a **V-shaped notch** that allows for a **smooth sliding motion**, lifting the tick out **without twisting or crushing it**. This method helps ensure a **clean removal**, reducing chance of infection. After removal, disinfect the area and watch for signs such as redness, swelling, or a rash expanding outward (a possible sign of Lyme disease).

Mosquito Bites: While most mosquito bites are harmless, some can transmit diseases. If a bite becomes excessively red, swollen, or warm to the touch, it may be infected. Scratching increases the risk of infection, so avoid excessive irritation and apply antiseptic ointment if needed.

Healing and Restoration

God's love extends to healing and renewal. His promise: *"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."* – Psalm 147:3

Let us care for our skin with the same love and attention we give to our spiritual well-being. May we honor God by protecting and nurturing the bodies He has entrusted to us.

Blessings

Magdalen Niemi BSN, RN, LNHA

Parish Nurse Office Hours continue to be Monday through Friday 8:00-11:30am unless noted otherwise. There will be no office hour on July 14th due to a district meeting or July 28-31 due to a short trip with some seniors from seniors from St. John Lutheran Church in Country Club Hills to Frankenmuth, MI. If there is a special need during this time, please contact Maggie Niemi (815-677-6600) or contact Julie in the church office.

Outreach to Community Senior Living Sites will be **Thursday, July 3rd** at Hawthorne Inn (10am), Liberty Village/Memory Lane (1pm) and Lincoln Manor (2pm). Anyone is welcome to join us. Contact Marcy for more information.

OK Club will meet on **Friday, July 11 at noon** at the church with delivery from Jimmy Johns. Following a brief Bible study and sharing, a "simple summer game" will be played. Any interested senior is welcome to participate. If you wish to attend, please contact Evelyn Hintzsche at 815-562-4668.

Senior Supper Club will meet on **Friday, July 18th at 5:30pm** at the Sunrise. Following a brief Bible study, a "mind map" will be the diversion. Any senior is welcome to participate. If you plan to attend, please call Dave Stewart at 815-973-4938.

Thursday Fellowship Service will be on **Thursday, July 24 at 2pm**. This service is especially planned for people whose health concerns make attending a regular week-end service difficult. Pastor Wolff will lead an abbreviated worship service with communion. Marcy will be available to assist with any health care needs. A time for refreshments and fellowship will follow.



OK Club will meet on **Friday, July 25th** at **noon** at the Country School. Following a brief Bible study, a short game of Christmas Trivia will be played. Any senior is welcome to participate. If you plan to attend, please call Evelyn Hintzsche at 815-562-4668.



The annual Christmas in July "Bake Sale" sponsored by the Seniors of St. Paul will be held **before and after worship on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27.** Nothing is priced. Your generous

donation will be appreciated. Proceeds are used to help with the annual Christmas gifts for the residents in Rochelle nursing homes. Application will be made for a Thrivent Community Action Grant.

Worship Anew

Comcast channel 138 on TLN—11:30am Sundays

- July 6 "Hear Me"
- July 13 "What Do You See?"
- July 20 "Making Good Choices"
- July 27 "Lord, Teach us to Pray"

Kim Wagner	7/1
Christine Smardo	7/2
Phylis Casey	7/3
Jenna McBride	7/3
Bonnie Steder 81	7/3
528 N 10th St	
Susan Duffy	7/4
Mark Metzger	7/5
Merle Metzger	7/5
Michael Utecht	7/7
Robert Koritz 89	7/8
4768 E Ashelford Dr	
Byron 61010	
Savannah Stinnett	7/8
Kinley Truckenbrod	7/8
Esam Farraj	7/11
Emma Sveta	7/12
Vincent Fulco	7/13
Grant Rowley	7/13
Nancy Schabacker	7/13
Shirley Burright 90	7/14
5362 Painted Pony Ln	
Rockford 61111	



Waylon Casey	7/14
Odin Stolte	7/14
Roberta Johnson	7/14
Mary Alice Manning 98	
7/17 2250 Pearl St	
Belvidere 61008	
Susan Stinnett	7/17
Ben Burch 83	7/21
1040 Turkington Terrace	
Kyle Furman	7/21
Edith Harper 97	7/21
1225 Westview Dr	
Paloma Albaugh	7/22
Amy Metzger	7/24
Brent Wagner	7/24
Jaime Haedt	7/27
Tyler Johnson	7/28
Lea Schinzer 87	7/29
727 N Main St	
Micah Sveta	7/27

Pat Burch 80	7/30
1040 Turkington Terrace	
Andrew Eyster	7/30
Brenda Mason	7/30
Diane Metzger	7/31

Anniversaries

M/M Ron Duval	7/2
M/M Mark Metzger	7/2
M/M Lupe Gonzales 51	7/6
650 S Main	
M/M Jim McAnly	7/6
M/M Barry Casey 54	7/10
5466 S Queens Rd	
M/M Dennis Bearrows	7/14
M/M Charles Cole 50	7/19
1021 5th Ave	
M/M Scott Eyster	7/21
M/M Doug Fyke	7/27
M/M Jeff Warner	7/29
M/M Henry Bunger Jr	7/31

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

July 5	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary
July 6	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
July 12	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
July 13	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical
July 19	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary
July 20	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
July 24	2:00 p.m.	Thursday Fellowship Worship
July 26	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
July 27	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

WRHL 1060 AM—7:30am Sundays

- July 6 "A Little Light Reading"
- July 13 "Fearless and Endless Growing"
- July 20 "God's Plan = Jesus"
- July 27 "Getting the Talk Started"

Join us for our 9:00am Sunday service or listen to our broadcast on WRHL(1060AM) or (93.5 FM) at 10a.m. It is also on Facebook Live at 9:00am.

Inreach/Outreach Board

Rummage Sale in July

Clean out your closets and garages.

We will have TWO Big Weekends in July,. We will sell your donations from the St. Paul Gymnasium.



Donation days will be:

June 26, July 1 & 3 & 8 10am to 4pm

Sale days will be:

July 10, 11 & 12 and July 17, 18 & 19

Thursday & Friday 9am— 4:30 pm Saturday 9am—Noon

Bake Sale and Garden Vegetables will also be available.

Let's get EVERYONE involved in this big event.

Calvary Lutheran, Lee supports this cause and passed this information on to us.

DeKalb Community Hosts Annual Aruna Run on July 26 to Help Free Sexually Exploited Women in India

DeKalb, IL — Local supporters of The Aruna Project, an international nonprofit working to free, employ, and empower victims of human sex trafficking, will host their 3rd annual 5K and 1-Mile fun run/walk in DeKalb on **Saturday, July 26, 2025**, at **Christ Community Church**, located at 2350 Pride Avenue. This inspiring and family-friendly event supports the Aruna Project's mission to create lifelong freedom for women trapped in exploitation—providing them with trauma-informed care, safe housing, and meaningful employment.

Over the past two years, the DeKalb Aruna Run has raised more than \$58,000, directly benefiting survivors of human trafficking. The DeKalb event is one of several held across the country to raise both awareness and funding for the Aruna Project's life-changing work.

Ryan Berg, Founder and CEO of the Aruna Project, emphasized the urgent need for action. Since 2015, the organization has cared for over **8,400 women**, freed and employed more than **160 survivors**, and prevented over **560 women and children** from being trafficked.

To register, donate, shop survivor-made goods, or learn more about the cause, visit <https://linktr.ee/dekalbarunarun>.

St. Paul Lutheran School

"Putting Faith in Education"



Thoughts from the Principal...

At the end of the Book of Matthew, Jesus gives us what is known as the Great Commission. "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. "

What does this mean for us? Who am I to take the responsibility of making disciples? And if it is my job, how do I do it?

Well, it is indeed our job; ALL of us. We know there are pastors and principals and teachers and deaconesses and Parish Nurses and all of those professional church ministry jobs. But not everyone is a person in these positions. But we can support these people with our time, talent, treasure. We can be a visible example of our Lord by living our lives in a God-pleasing way. We can love our neighbors as ourselves and be Christ-like in our relationships. We can be in worship and be in the Word and receive the sacrament. We can participate in church programs and serve on a board or a committee.

If all else fails, we can pray. We can go to God and pray for His Word to be heard by all nations. We can pray for our pastors, teachers, principals, deaconesses, and Parish Nurses. We can pray.

May God bless us and give us the strength to make disciples of all nations in whatever way He has equipped us. It's the most important thing.

Always Serving Him, Steve Hall; Principal



Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 31 (note date change) for the St. Paul Fellowship Golf Outing at Fairways Golf Course. Fliers will be available on the school's website, the back of the church, or the church and school offices. There is a flyer in this newsletter.

I like to remind everyone of the Frieda Pickreign/Jane Reineck Fund, and the on-going need for funding. Many of our families make use of these funds to be able to send their children to our school. This fund relies on donations to be able to provide these scholarships. Please consider a donation to this vital program. Contact Mr. Hall if you have any questions.



It's been a busy summer at the school as we look ahead to the 2025-2026 school year. Teacher candidates are being interviewed as we seek to fill our positions. Keep us in your prayers as we look forward to a fabulous new school year!



St. Paul Lutheran School Alumni We Want to Hear from You!

We're collecting alumni information to share updates and celebrate the successes of our school community. If you're a St. Paul Lutheran alumnus, please take a moment to fill out your details on our website:

www.stpaulrochelleil.org/alumni

We also encourage you to share this link with other alumni you know. Thank you for helping us stay connected!



May God bless all of you during these summer months. I pray for good health and safe travel for everyone. God is so good!



SUMMER BEGINS

ST. PAUL FELLOWSHIP GOLF OUTING

WHEN

Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025
Shotgun start at 12:00 noon

WHERE

Fairways Golf Course
Rochelle, IL.

8TH ANNUAL

ST. PAUL FELLOWSHIP GOLF OUTING

THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT ARE VITAL TO HELP ST. PAUL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION IN A CHRIST-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT. JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FELLOWSHIP AND GOLF, AND HELP THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL AS WELL.
WWW.STPAULROCHELLEIL.ORG



ADVANCE RESERVATIONS

\$80 per person
\$300.00 per foursome

LUNCH SERVED

**Lunch served before the
shotgun start.**

HOLE SPONSORS

\$200.00 per hole

BENEFITING

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
and School. Questions:
Contact Steve Hall at
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July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Class	30	1 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 10:00am - 4:00pm Rummage Sale Drop - Off 6:00pm Inreach/Outreach	2 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	3 Outreach to Local Sr Living Sites 10:00am - 4:00pm Rummage Sale Drop-off	4 Offices Closed	5 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
6 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:00am Bible Class	7 5:30pm Dayschool Board	8 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 10:00am - 4:00pm Rummage Sale Drop - Off 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	9 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	10 9:00am - 4:30pm Rummage Sale	11 9:00am - 4:30pm Rummage Sale 12:00pm OK Club @ Church RSVP Evelyn 815-562-4668	12 9:00am - 12:00pm Rummage Sale 6:00pm Worship w/Comm
13 9:00am Worship 10:00am Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting	14 NO Parish Nurse Hours 4:30pm Board of Health & Human Care 5:30pm Elders	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise	16 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	17 9:00am - 4:30pm Rummage Sale	18 9:00am - 4:30pm Rummage Sale 5:30pm Sr Supper Club @ The Sunrise	19 Monthly Mission Offering - Christian Senior Ministries 9:00am - 12:00pm Rummage Sale 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
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Enjoy your freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it's easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would've been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus his life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (NRSV).

We're no longer bound by sin and death. That "independence" is worth celebrating every day!

Independence Day

As we celebrate Independence Day, we thank God for the blessings of freedom—and the hope we have in Christ, who sets us truly free. "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." —John 8:36



Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 27:1, NIV.

CLUES:
O = D, T = O

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