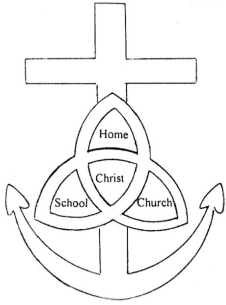


# ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2025



Building Relationships  
in Christ

## St Paul Ev Lutheran Church

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## JOIN US!

In person at  
6:00pm Saturday  
or 9:00am Sunday



OR

FacebookLive  
At 9:00 am

OR

WRHL Radio  
1060AM  
At 10:00 am  
Or  
93.5 FM

## CONTINUE THE MINISTRY

I want to thank everyone for your prayers and support during the time I had some health issues. I was at a point that I did not know if I could continue to serve St. Paul as your vacancy pastor. On Sunday, July 13, I felt very low and then the next day I felt a whole lot better. I thank God for minor miracles and His mercy and grace. I often say that the devil knocks me down and the Lord lifts me up. As I write this, I am scheduled for a kidney transplant on July 29. I will be recovering for 4-6 weeks. We will find pastors to fill in for me. I am willing to serve after my recovery, so pray for me. Your love and support mean a lot to me.

Now we are again in search for a full-time pastor. we must be patient and wait on the Lord to give us the right pastor at the right time. This means we are going to have to step up our effort. Since, I have seen the power of prayer. St. James says in James 5:16, "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." I am thinking that maybe St. Paul can start a prayer chain. Prayer is so important. It can keep us updated on the needs of our people. I would also like us to put as much effort into our youth and family ministry as we do in our senior ministry. I am also thankful for the work of our in-reach/outreach committee. If we want a strong church ministry, then we all need to see what we can do. Ask the leaders what you can do to help.

I also would like to invite you to join me in Bible study on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am. We read in Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." When we gather, we are able to see the living and active word of God in our lives. It gives us time to think and go deeper into the Gospel and its meaning for our daily walk with Christ. The Holy Spirit has made us alive in Christ. It is He who made the sacrifice for sin and rose from the dead to secure us life with God now and forever. See what you can do to continue to be in the Word and active in your faith.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Michael D. Wolff

## President's Notes

August is here already. That means it is a start of another school year and I pray that it will be a great year for all of the students, parents, teachers and staff. Thank you all for making St. Paul school a special place. And a big thanks to all that support the school in so many different ways.

Bob Mortimer  
312 316 6519

## WORSHIP THIS MONTH

<b>August 2</b>	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary
<b>August 3</b>	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
<b>August 9</b>	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
<b>August 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical
<b>August 16</b>	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary
<b>August 17</b>	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
<b>August 23</b>	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
<b>August 24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical
<b>August 28</b>	2:00 p.m.	Thursday Fellowship Worship
<b>August 30</b>	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary
<b>August 31</b>	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical

## LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

WRHL 1060 AM—7:30am Sundays

August 3	"Proclaim His Glory"
August 10	"Writing Him Off"
August 17	"The Stuttering Man of Destiny"
August 24	"Gideon, the Farmer General"
August 31	"Life Narrows Down"

**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.**

## Worship Anew

Comcast channel 138 on TLN—11:30am Sundays

August 3	"Regarding Possessions"
August 10	"Do Not Be Anxious"
August 17	"The Faith Race"
August 24	"The Time is Coming"
August 31	"It's Hard to Be Humble"

## MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING



Lutheran Church Charities

This month we will offer our special and generous gifts to **"Lutheran Church Charities."** (LCC) We have seen first hand how this ministry comes to the help and relief to those in disaster situations. This ministry has been very busy meeting the physical, spiritual and personal needs of many. Our joy and privilege this year is to continue to support and raise up the ministry of LCC as they have responded to so many other disasters in our country, from mass shootings, floods, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes and other disasters. As we were able to be a part of the service in being "the hands and feet of Jesus" here, we are honored to be able to give our gifts of love, care and thanksgiving to the continued work of LCC. ***All donations go directly through to the named project. We will be designating this offering to the Texas Flood Disaster.***

To learn more about this special and unique ministry go to: [lutheranchurchcharities.org](http://lutheranchurchcharities.org) or check them out at: [www.facebook.com/LutheranChurchCharities](https://www.facebook.com/LutheranChurchCharities) **if you would like to receive daily devotions in your inbox, visit: <http://devotions.lccharities.org>**

We will provide a basket for your special and loving gifts on the weekend of **April 20 & 21.**

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers and cards that were sent to me during my treatment and hospitalization. I ask for continued prayers as the next few months are huge in my recovery. The last couple of months have been a challenge but the next months will show how well my body accepts the new cells. Always trusting in the Lord.

John Vandre

## September Newsletter Deadline

August 15

Please turn your items in by the deadline.  
Thanks!

# The Parish Nurse's Notes:

Dear St. Paul Family and Friends,

As I write this health letter, we have been experiencing several days with heat advisories and frequently given or received advice to "drink plenty of water". Water is, indeed, needed for our physical and spiritual wellness. Ordinary water provides for our ordinary wellness. Living water is needed for our spiritual wellness.

**Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'**" John 7:38

It is important to be able to differentiate a heat stroke from heat exhaustion. Heat exhaustion happens when your body loses excess amounts of water and salt, usually from sweating. Heat stroke is a serious medical emergency that happens when your body is not able to control its internal temperature.

Both heat stroke and heat exhaustion are caused by your body's inability to cool itself. Your body's natural way for cooling is by sweating. During strenuous work or exercise in hot weather your body may not be able to sweat enough to keep you cool--hence, the advice to drink plenty of water.

Other causes of heat exhaustion and heat stroke include dehydration (related to any reason), wearing heavier or tight clothing, or consuming alcohol.

Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke if it continues for an extended period of time. Heat stroke can come on quickly if it is very hot or you overexert yourself. It is important to begin treatment at the first signs of heat exhaustion.

If you can cool down within 30 minutes, heat exhaustion is not usually considered an emergency. If any of the following symptoms exist, call 911 and seek immediate medical attention: body temperature above 104F, confusion, loss of consciousness, not sweating (even though you feel hot), shortness of breath, fast breathing, excessive nausea or vomiting, or seizure.

Heat stroke can be much more serious than heat exhaustion and requires immediate medical attention. A helpful guide has been developed and made available on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. Help yourself and keep it handy.

If you are at church and feel heat exhaustion, remember: (1) There is always a supply of water in the refrigerator in the overflow room. (2) window AC is available in the offices, towels that can be made wet and aid your comfort are in the coffee bar.

If you have further questions, please contact one of the parish nurses. We will be happy to assist you..... In His Service, Marcy Schnorr, EdD, RN-BC (DCM-Parish Nurse)

**Parish Nurse Office Hours** remain on weekdays 8:00-am 11:30 am unless otherwise noted. You may also call me at home (815-562-6823) at other hours. If I am not home, please leave a message. I will respond as soon as possible.

**The August Senior Special** is August 1 (10am - 11am) in the overflow room. Steve Dilling will give a presentation related to his woodcarvings. Steve is well known for this skill and has had displays in the local library. There is no charge. Light refreshments will be served. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

The **Parish Nurse Team** will meet on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am. Sylvia Burdin will lead the discussion of chapter 5 in our study of the armor of God.



**The senior outing for August** will be on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> for lunch at the White Pines Restaurant. We plan to leave the church at 11am for lunch at noon. **Reservations should be made to Marcy by August 5<sup>th</sup> so we can confirm the mealtime and transportation needs. You can Marcy in the parish nurse office mornings or at home later in the day.**

The **outreach to senior sites in town** will be on **Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** (Hawthorne Inn at 10am, Memory Lane at Liberty Village at 1pm, and Lincoln Manor at 2pm). If you wish to join us, please contact Marcy for more information).

**OK Club** will meet Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at noon at the church. Lunch will be from Jimmy Johns. A short Bible study and a "show and tell" time will be planned. All participants are encouraged to bring something that they would like to share with others. If you wish to participate, please contact Evelyn Hintzsche at 815-562-4668.

**The Board for Health and Human Care** will meet on Monday, August 11 at 4:30pm.

**The Senior Supper Club** will meet on **Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Culvers**. After a short Bible study, we will have a modified "western" game that can be played as a table game. If you wish to participate, please contact Dave Stewart at 815-973-4938.

**OK Club** will meet **Friday, August 22 at noon at Las Tapatias Family Restaurant on north 251 (perhaps best remembered as the "old Pizza Hut"**. After a short Bible study a "name game" will be played. If you wish to participate, please contact Evelyn Hintzsche at 815-562-4668.

**The Thursday Worship and Fellowship** will be on **Thursday, August 28th at 2pm.** This is especially planned for those whose health concerns make attending the regular weekend services difficult. Pastor will lead an abbreviated service with communion. Marcy will be available to assist with any health needs. A time for light refreshments and fellowship will follow. If you need assistance with transportation, please contact Marcy a few days in advance and every effort will be made to meet your need.

**Senior Council** will meet on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am. In the overflow room.

**Special Presentation during Adult Bible Class hour on August 11.:** Do you know that the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia is the fastest growing Lutheran denomination in the world? Marcy has been serving as Educational Consultant for Mekene Yesus (the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia in response to their desire to initiate a parish nurse ministry to respond to their dire need for health promotion and access to health care. Marcy will provide an overview of her role and how you can assist with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ethiopia. Please join us in the overflow room after worship.

**Looking ahead:** The Senior Special for September 5<sup>th</sup> will be a presentation by Diane Metzger—sharing her interest in bees and honey. Plan to attend. Bees are not invited!



### Scholarships Awarded

We are pleased to announce that we are awarding four of our young members \$500 scholarships.

**Allison Dickey** is continuing her studies at Kishwaukee College in Malta. She will be graduating in December and plans to apply to the Radiology Technician program. She will receive the Guyla Pfeiffer Scholarship.

**Emma Kennay** is a 2025 RTHS graduate. She will be attending Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN where she plans on majoring in health and physical education with a goal of teaching physical education. She will receive a George & Shirley Smardo Scholarship.

**Abby Metzger** is a 2025 RTHS graduate. She will be attending Michigan Tech University in Houghton, MI where she plans on majoring in biomedical engineering with the goal of becoming a research-focused medical doctor. She will receive a George & Shirley Smardo Scholarship.

**Natalie Wagner** is a 2025 RTHS graduate. She will be attending Rockford University. Natalie is exploring opportunities for her career path. She will receive a George & Shirley Smardo Scholarship.

### Thank You

Dear St. Paul Scholarship Committee, Thank you for the generous scholarship of \$500. St. Paul has always been such an important part of my life. It shaped me into the Christ loving woman I am today and I am forever grateful for that! I can't wait to attend Lipscomb in the fall where I will continue to grow in relationship with the Lord!

Thank you again and God's blessings, Emma Kay Kennay RTHS Class of 2025

Dear St. Paul Scholarship Committee Thank you so much choosing me to be a recipient of the St. Paul scholarship. I am truly grateful for the support, and appreciate the help as I begin my schooling at Michigan Tech. Growing up in the St. Paul community has taught me so many things and enabled me to become the person I am today. I am looking forward to the many opportunities and adventures awaiting me this fall, but I will always know St. Paul is my home.

Thank you once again. Sincerely, Abby Metzger

Teresa Paulsen 8/2  
Dawn Andermann 8/4  
Raelynn Paulsen 8/6  
Preston McBride 8/6  
Sheri Kennay 8/6  
Tom Furman 8/8  
Paisley Albaugh 8/9  
Todd Furman 8/9  
Susan Cagle 8/10  
**Barbara Zies 89** 8/10  
Lincoln Manor 615 N Main  
Ashley Dickey 8/11  
Kurt Lodico 8/13  
Chris Bunger 8/15  
Teagan Thompson 8/15  
Susan Sawicki 8/16  
Michael Able 8/16  
Teri Eul 8/18  
Michael Hayes 8/21



**Archie Eyster 87** 8/21  
10973 S Woodlawn Apt E  
Thomas Metzger 8/21  
**Joyce Koritz 87** 8/22  
4768 E Ashelford Dr  
Byron 61010  
Keith Lamb 8/24  
**John Schinzer 95** 8/25  
727 N Main St Rochelle  
**Joyce Soost 82** 8/25  
1021 8th Ave Rochelle  
Kelly Soost 8/25  
**Ernest Chisamore 95** 8/31  
215 Drake Ave Rochelle  
Robert Mortimer 8/31  
Debby Fyke 8/31

## Anniversaries

**M/M Dennis Schabacker 55** 8/1  
21105 Cardinal Pond Ter Apt 317  
Ashburn VA 20147  
M/M Scott Paulsen 8/2  
M/M Cory Thompson 8/4  
**M/M Robert Waters 58** 8/5  
1772 Steward Rd Steward 60553  
M/M Charles Eckhardt 8/10  
M/M Jeff Truckenbrod 8/12  
M/M Clint Myers 8/17  
M/M Mark Smardo 8/20  
**M/M Don E Schabacker 51** 8/24  
3124 S Skare Rd Rochelle

# Puzzle!

The biblical calendar had many feasts and festivals. They were connected with the changing of the seasons or special events.

Use the code to find the name of the special days the Israelites observed.

### CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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### SEASON

### HOLIDAY

1. End of Summer

New Year

I L H S S Z H S Z M Z S

2. Fall

Day of Atonement

B L N P R K K F I

3. Fall

Festival of Booths

H F P P L G S

4. Winter

Festival of Rededication

S Z M F P P Z S

5. Winter

Festival of Lots

K F I R N

6. Spring

Festival of Unleavened Bread

K Z H H L E V I

7. Spring

Feast of Weeks/Pentecost

H S Z E F L G

Answers: 1. Rosh Hashanah, 2. Yom Kippur, 3. Sukkoth, 4. Hanukkah, 5. Purim, 6. Passover, 7. Shavuot

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> Christmas in July Bake "Sale" 9:00am Worship 10:00am Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting	<b>28</b> NO Parish Nurse Hours	<b>29</b> NO Parish Nurse Hours Breakfast @ Sunrise	<b>30</b> NO Parish Nurse Hours	<b>31</b> NO Parish Nurse Hours	<b>1</b> 10:00am Senior Special - Steve Dilling Wood Carving	<b>2</b> 9:00am PN Team 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
<b>3</b> 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:00am Bible Class	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Dayschool Board	<b>5</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:00pm Inreach/Outreach	<b>6</b> 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	<b>7</b> Outreach to Local Sr Living Sites	<b>8</b> 12:00pm OK Club @ Church RSVP Evelyn 815-562-4668	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Worship w/Comm
<b>10</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Presentation on Ethiopia	<b>11</b> 4:30pm Board of Health & Human Care 5:30pm Elders	<b>12</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 11:00am Sr outing - Lunch at White Pines 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	<b>13</b> 9:45am Women's Bible Studies 4:00pm - 6:00pm School Move in Day	<b>14</b> 8:30am 1st Day of School - 1:30 9:00am Opening Chapel	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline 5:30pm Sr Supper Club @ Culvers	<b>16</b> Monthly Mission Offering - LCC - Texas Flood 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
<b>17</b> Monthly Mission Offering - LCC - Texas Flood 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:00am Bible Class	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Church Council	<b>19</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise	<b>20</b> 8:45am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> OK Club @ Las Tapatias RSVP to Evelyn 815-562- 4668	<b>23</b> 6:00pm Worship w/Comm
<b>24</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Class	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	<b>27</b> 8:45am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	<b>28</b> 2:00pm Thursday Fellowship Worship 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parent Info Night	<b>29</b> 10:00am Sr Council	<b>30</b> Contemporary Worship
<b>31</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Class 12:00pm Golf Outing @ Fairways	<b>1</b> 5:30pm Dayschool Board	<b>2</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:00pm Inreach/Outreach	<b>3</b> 8:45am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	<b>4</b> Outreach to Local Sr Living Sites	<b>5</b> 10:00am Senior Special - Diane Metzger Bees & Honey	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Contemporary Worship



# St. Paul Lutheran School

*"Putting Faith in Education"*



## *Thoughts from the Principal...*

I believe in the doctrines of the LCMS. I love the liturgies and traditions of our church. We are saved by grace through faith. We do not earn our way to heaven. It is a free gift with no strings attached. But I think the one thing I appreciate most is that the LCMS knows how to educate children. Lutherans know education!!!

St. Paul Lutheran School is no exception. The kids who attend St. Paul receive a solid educational experience. But even more, they are taught about their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and what He has done for them.

Martin Luther made it clear that we are to bring the children up in the ways of the Lord. We have a responsibility to make sure that we provide educational opportunities for the children of the greater Rochelle area. We are missionaries. We do not have to go to faraway places to be missionaries. We can do that right here. And we are. Because of you, St. Paul congregation members, we are.

We are at the beginning of another school year at St. Paul. During the next nine months children will be coming to learn about math and science and all the subjects. But, they are going to hear about their Savior. Every day! What could be more important?

Well done, good and faithful servants!

May He Bless You All,  
Steve Hall; Principal  
St. Paul Lutheran School



The annual St. Paul Golf Outing is scheduled for August 31 at Fairways Golf Course in Rochelle. Sign up forms are in the back of the church or people can contact Mr. Hall at [shall@stpaulrochelleil.org](mailto:shall@stpaulrochelleil.org).

***Congratulations to our congregation as we embark upon another school year. May God continue to bless our church and school and all of the ministries of the St. Paul congregation!!***



Thanks to those who are involved in replacing the glass on the large trophy case in the gym lobby. It is greatly appreciated!!

Thanks to Don Kosterman and Lee Metzger who regularly cut the church grass, and to Craig Reineck for helping out when needed.

Thanks to Merle Metzger and his crew for EVERYTHING they are doing for our building. I am amazed and thankful.



Praise God that He has provided staff to begin the 2025-2026 school year.

Preschool 3	Brittany Furman
Preschool 4	Jaime Haedt
Kindergarten	Angela Young
Grade 1	Peggy Thompson
Grade 2	Cheryl Bunger
Grades 3&4	Shana Bell
Grade 5	Trish Rodeghero

Middle School Math/Science (6<sup>th</sup> Homeroom)  
Jolene Bresson

Middle School ELA (8<sup>th</sup> Homeroom) Maylene Carreno

Middle School SS/PE Ben Walter

Middle School Religion Dawn Andermann

Principal and Middle School Religion, PE, and ELA  
Steve Hall

Music/Choirs Teresa Green  
Band Ron Duval



Would you like to serve our school by being a crossing guard? We are in need of two guards each day from 2:55 until 3:15. Contact Mr. Hall ([shall@stpaulrochelleil.org](mailto:shall@stpaulrochelleil.org)) if you would be interested in one day a week or even more. Thanks!

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