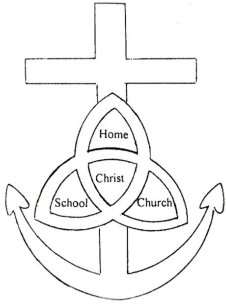


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In person at

6:00pm Saturday
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1060AM
At 10:00 am
Or
93.5 FM

DISCIPLINE

I am thankful to God for this wonderful gift of a new lease on life. It was truly a miracle. I met my old nephrologist, kidney doctor, who thought that I would never receive a transplant. He said by the time I was eligible to get one I would be too old and not in good shape. He said his prognosis would be the same if he saw me today. He couldn't believe that I got a kidney from an anonymous living donor. It was against all science. I said that this is what a miracle looks like. I didn't deserve it, but it was a gift of God's grace. I want to thank you for all your prayers, cards, and messages during my recovery. I guess you never know how much you are loved until you are in need. I got messages and cards from all my old churches who were kind enough to reach out to me. I am greatly humbled by all your love.

My recovery has been difficult with many different health issues. At times I felt very depressed and unable to do anything. I had my doubts and worries along with the pain. I felt like Job at times. The Epistle reading for Sunday really hit home for me and I heard God talking to me. Hebrews 12:5-6 quotes Proverbs 3:11-12, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises every son whom he receives." As I look back on my troubles and pain, I now realize the Lord did love me and always will. We must never think that God doesn't love us or abandoned us, because of what Christ did for us on the cross. God sacrificed His own Son for us that we might now become the children of God which is who we are.

I also remember Hebrews says in verse 11, "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." It has yield peace and righteousness in my soul. I am a sinner like all people and can fall prey to Satan's traps, but as I have often said, the devil knocks me down, but the Lord lifts me up. In whatever trials and trouble may come our way; God will lift us up with His love and strength and give us peace and righteousness during those tough times. And remember God's people are with you also,

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Michael D. Wolff

President's Notes

I am taking the month off.
Blessings

Bob Mortimer
312 316 6519

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

September 6	6:00 p.m. Contemporary
September 7	9:00 a.m. Liturgical w/Communion
September 13	6:00 p.m. Liturgical w/Communion
September 14	9:00 a.m. Liturgical
September 20	6:00 p.m. Contemporary
September 21	9:00 a.m. Liturgical w/Communion
September 25	2:00 p.m. Thursday Fellowship Worship
September 27	6:00 p.m. Liturgical w/Communion
September 28	9:00 a.m. Liturgical

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

WRHL 1060 AM—7:30am Sundays

September 7	"Dying, We Live"
September 14	"It's All on God; It's All on Us"
September 21	"Someone Worth Having"
September 28	"On the Way, Already Home"

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

September 7	Being Totally Committed
September 14	Zealous for Your Salvation
September 21	The Buck Stops Here
September 28	Heaven and Hell

MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING



This month our mission offering will be for Voice of Care. Voice of Care is a ministry that helps the Church provide spiritual care to people with disabilities and those who care for them. This outreach mission was established in 1976 and incorporated in 2003 as Voice of Care. A Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Voice of Care trains church workers and lay volunteers to serve in five types of disability ministry: Congregational Life, Disability Awareness, Facility Ministry, Outdoor Ministry and REST (Respite Education and Support Tools). Because 90% of people with disabilities are not connected to a church home, the need is great for learning how to serve and evangelize those who are "differently-abled." Additional information on Voice of Care can be found at <https://voiceofcare.org>

We will be collecting support for the Voice of Care on September 20 & 21.

Thank You

It's hard to adequately express how grateful we are to all of you who have supported us during Jeff's illness and long recovery. Your kind words, generous gifts and heartfelt prayers remind us how caring our church and community are.

God's Blessings upon you and your families,
Jeff and Khristy Warner, Luke and Jared

The IN/OR Board would like to thank everyone who participated in July with the 4th Annual Rummage Sale. All those who helped set up and tear down, those who donated baked goods, those who brought us lunch and those who donated their items. It was a huge success and brought in \$6,300. It's a great community event and we look forward to next year.

Fall Potluck

The IN/OR Board invites everyone to a Fall Potluck on October 10th at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to pass and the meat, table service and drinks will be provided. There will be entertainment, games and prizes. Look for more information to come. It's free for everyone!



The Parish Nurse's Notes:

Dear St. Paul Family and Friends,

Does the Bible say anything about lice? Some say that the 3rd plague to the Egyptians (Exodus 8:16-18) was lice; others call these pesty little critters fleas or gnats. Either way, these small insects or parasites are a pesty nuisance today.

September has sometimes been called "national pediculosis awareness month" because there seems to be an increase when children return to school. *Pediculosis capitis* is the kind of louse found in the hair. *Pediculosis humanus* (or sometimes called *P corpus*) is the type of louse found on the human body.



The life cycle of the louse begins with the **nits** (eggs). They are hard to see and are often confused with dandruff or drops of hair spray. The nits are laid by the adult female and cemented to the base of the hair shaft. If you can brush it away, it is not a nit. Nits are very small and usually yellow or white. They take about a week to hatch.

The egg hatches and releases a **nymph**. The nit shell becomes more visible and about the size of a pinhead. Nymphs become adults about 7 days after hatching.

The **adult** louse is about the size of a sesame seed, has six legs (each with claws), and is tan to grayish-white. Females are usually larger than males and can lay up to 8 nits a day. Adult lice can live up to 30 days on a person's head. To live, they feed on blood several times daily.

The majority of head lice infestations are asymptomatic. When symptoms are present, there is a tickling sensation in the head, itching, and sometimes an allergic reaction.

The main mode of transmission is by personal contact. This can be through sharing hats, scarves, combs, towels, pillows, or similar items.

Pediculosis is called a nuisance disease because it is more irritating than serious. It is highly contagious and very difficult to get rid of. Numerous over the counter products are available to use as a shampoo. If you have further questions about management of lice, feel free to check with me in the parish nurse office.

In His Service...Marcy Schnorr, EdD, MSN, RN-BC
(DCM-Parish Nurse)

Parish Nurse Office Hours remain weekday mornings 8:00-11:30 unless otherwise noted. After hours- you may call Marcy at home (815-562-6823). If she is not home, please leave a message. It will be returned as soon as possible. The office will be closed on Labor Day.

1st Thursday Outreach to Community Living Sites in Rochelle will be September 4th. You are always welcome to participate. Contact Marcy for more information.

Senior Special will be **Friday, September 5th (10-11)** with Diane Metzger giving a presentation on her interest in bees and honey. Plan to attend and bring a friend. There is no charge.



I will sing of
the Lord's great
love forever.
PSALM 89:1

Board for Health and Human Care will meet on Monday, September 8th at 4:30pm.

OK Club will meet at church on **Friday, September 12th at noon** with take outs (burger basket) from the T-Byrd lanes. A brief Bible Study and an opportunity to "review of our blessings" will be the activity (in preparation for BLESS Sunday). Any senior is welcome—but reservations are needed. If you wish to attend, please contact Evelyn Hintzsche (815-562-4668).

The Parish Nurse Team will have a virtual meeting at **8:00am on Saturday, September 13th** immediately before the virtual continuing education program hosted by the NID Parish Nurse Network. **Any RN is welcome to participate in the virtual continuing education program (9am-3pm).** For more information or to register, contact Marcy. **WNA has approved for 5 CE points.**

BLESS Sunday is recognized the weekend of September 13-14. The seniors are providing the altar flowers, radio broadcast, and a display table highlighting the various activities of our senior ministry. BLESS Sunday is a time to thank God for the ministry to the seniors, with the seniors, and by the seniors. Our senior ministry is coordinated through the parish nurse ministry with a senior council providing assistance. Members of the senior council are Denise Berg, Carol Capes, Evelyn Hintzsche, Don Kosterman, and Gail Schabacker.

Senior Supper Club will meet on **Friday, September 19th at 5:30pm** at Grubsteakers. A brief Bible study and a “seasonal” activity will be the diversion. Any senior is welcome to participate. If you wish to attend, please contact Dave Stewart at 815-973-4938.

Thursday Worship and Fellowship will be **Thursday, September 25 @ 2pm**. This service is especially planned for persons with health issues that make attending the regular weekend services difficult. Pastor Wolff will provide an abbreviated worship service with communion. Marcy will be available to assist with any health needs that need arise. If you need a ride to the service, please contact Marcy a few days before and every effort will be made to obtain a ride for you. Light refreshments and a time of fellowship will follow.

OK Club will meet on **Friday, September 26 at noon** at the Butterfly. A brief Bible study and a simple “table top” activity will be the diversion. If you wish to attend, please call Evelyn Hintzsche (815-562-4668).

Senior Outing for September will be **Tuesday, September 30th at noon** at Frescos Restaurant at the Japanese Gardens in Rockford. The dining room offers indoor dining that overlooks the gardens. **Advanced reservations are needed. Contact Marcy by September 22 if you wish to participate.**

THANK YOU to the many people who have donated shoe boxes or tissue boxes for the Christmas gifts to the residents of local nursing homes and our known homebound members of our St. Paul family. Carol Capes reports that we have enough for this year. We will begin collecting again after Christmas

THANK YOU to the many who participated the Christmas in July “Bake Sale”. Donations and the Thrivent Community Action Grant equaled \$1208. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Clara Rowley	9/3
Marcia Schnorr 81	9/3
1225 Springdale Dr	
Marjorie Kuehl 84	9/4
1500 Squires Landing	
Benjamin Usilton	9/4
Dave Baker	9/5
Carol Capes 85	9/5
10600 Hwy 38 W	
Lee Metzger	9/5
Hailey Bunger	9/6
Lucas Bunger	9/6
Penny Lamb	9/7
Maria Casey	9/9
Shane Stover	9/9
Rodney Bunger	9/11
Dennis Burkhart	9/12
Leylani Farraj	9/13
Stacy Leifheit	9/13
Mark Smardo	9/13
Jim McAnly	9/15



Grayson Truckenbrod	9/17
Jeffrey Warner	9/17
Natalie Wagner	9/20
Reed Rowley	9/23
Dennis Bearrows	9/25
Oliver Stolte	9/28
Tim Ball	9/29
Heather Hensley	9/30
Alayna Smardo	9/30

ANNIVERSARIES

M/M Kris Eyster	9/3
M/M Ray Rainwater 54	9/4
1333 Northlake Court	
M/M Dean Sveta	9/7
M/M Trent Metzger	9/10
M/M Dennis Burkhart	9/12
M/M Jon Robey (T. Wagner)	9/14
M/M Brett Martinson	9/18
M/M Todd Doubler	9/20
M/M Brett Metzger	9/21
M/M John Albaugh	9/24
M/M Brian Leifheit	9/27
M/M Merle Metzger	9/27
M/M Loren Furman 58	9/30
5894 Center Rd	
M/M Josh Weber (E. Metzger)	9/30

St. Paul Lutheran School

"Putting Faith in Education"



Thoughts from the Principal...

While I drive my short drive to school in the mornings I always say a little prayer that things will go well today. As all of us know, we may have a tidy plan for the upcoming day, but more often than not that plan goes by the wayside. I like to control things. What I have learned is that there is very little I can control.

I pray for our students. I pray that each and every one of them has a good day. I pray for our teachers. What they do each day is difficult to say the least. I pray that they are filled with the Holy Spirit and use that power to be the best they can be for the children.

I pray for things coming up. For example I pray for our teams and coaches. I pray for the week's chapel speaker. I pray for good weather at recess!

I pray for St. Paul congregation. I pray for the leadership and for the ministries of the church.

I tell you all of that to tell you this: When we wake up in the morning we never really know what is going to happen that day. All we can do is prepare the best that we can and work hard. God knows what is going to happen, and He promises never to leave us or forsake us.

Have a great month! I will pray for you, too!

Blessings to All!

Steve Hall: Principal



Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28th as we are having our first annual Walk-a-thon/Color Run. It is a school fundraiser but really is a church fundraiser as the church supports the school. It would be

great to have congregation members participating. Contact Mr. Hall (shall@stpaulrochelleil.org) to see how you can be a part of this fabulous event!



This year more than ever funds are needed to support the Frieda Pickreign/Jane Reineck Scholarship Fund. We have a goal to build to fund to more than \$30,000.00 to use to award scholarship money for the 2026-2027 school year. More information will be available soon.

School chapel services are held each Wednesday at 8:40. Services are led by Mr. Hall, the teachers, guest speakers (for example: Pastor Rosebrock from Immanuel, Lindenwood), Pastor Wolff, various classes

and teachers, and sometimes Lois Stewart and President Buss from the NID office! All are invited to attend these chapel services.



Grandparents' Day is scheduled for October 31st. We are so glad that we can hold this great event. Mark your calendars.

I would like to thank Don Kosterman and Lee Metzger for mowing of the church and school lawn. It is a huge job and it has been a wonderful blessing

that these two men have stepped forward. Also, thanks to Butch and Collette Eckhardt along with Merle Metzger for replacing the glass door on the beautiful trophy case in the gym lobby. Thanks again to Merle Metzger and Butch Eckhardt for all of the work they do to keep our building safe and functional. And thanks to Brett Metzger and Elijah Metzger for installing the Smartboard in our first grade classroom.



September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Class 12:00pm Golf Outing @ Fairways	1 5:30pm Dayschool Board	2 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:00pm Inreach/Outreach	3 8:40am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	4 Outreach to Local Sr Living Sites	5 10:00am Senior Special - Diane Metzger Bees & Honey	6 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
7 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:00am Bible Class	8 4:30pm Board of Health & Human Care 5:30pm Elders	9 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 1:00pm Hannah-Tabitha Circle @ Church 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	10 8:40am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	11	12 12:00pm OK Club @ Church RSVP Evelyn 815-562-4668	13 BLESS Sunday 8:00am Virtual Parish Nurse Team Meeting 6:00pm Worship w/Comm
14 BLESS Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Class	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Church Council	16 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise	17 8:40am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	18	19 5:30pm Sr Supper Club @ Grubsteakers	20 Monthly Mission Offering - Voice of Care 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
21 Monthly Mission Offering - Voice of Care 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:00am Bible Class	22	23 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	24 8:40am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	25 2:00pm Thursday Fellowship Worship	26 OK Club @ Butterfly RSVP to Evelyn 815-562-4668	27 6:00pm Worship w/Comm
28 St Paul Walk-A-Thon 9:00am Worship 10:00am Bible Class	29	30 Newsletter Mailing 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 12:00pm Sr Outing to Frescos - Japanese Gardens	1 8:40am Chapel 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	2 Outreach to Local Sr Living Sites	3 10:00am Senior Special	4 6:00pm Contemporary Worship

PUZZLE



As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.
How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



Gr c s words
r h n c o m b,
s w t t h s
n d h l n g
t t h b n s.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

PUZZLE

GOD'S amazzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

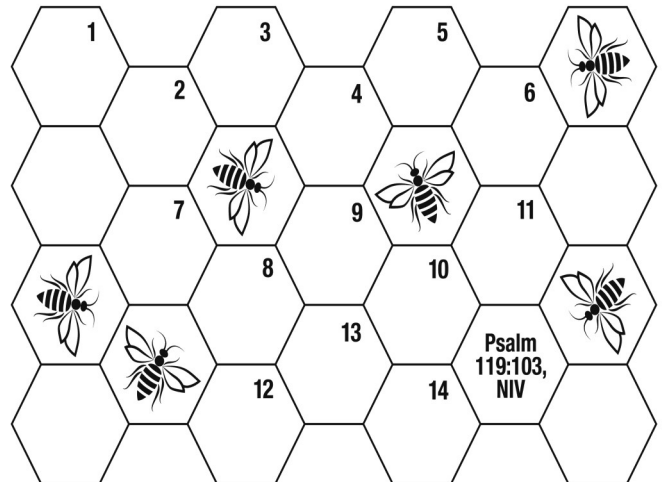
CLUES

- rhymes with cow
- opposite of sour
- pronounced "R"
- rhymes with four
- Letters create ____.
- not too or two
- rhymes with by
- the tongue's job
- more sweet
- rhymes with pan
- golden liquid
- Pleased __ meet you.
- rhymes with fly
- body part



WORD BANK

than your to are
sweet sweeter How
my honey mouth
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

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