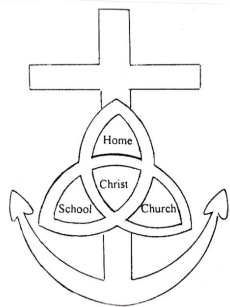


# ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 2026



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

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WRHL Radio

1060AM

At 10:00 am

Or

93.5 FM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are two times when we get in front of the church to make vows, and both of them are serious.

In the Rite of Holy Matrimony, we make a promise “before God and these witnesses” to love and to cherish our spouse, being wedded to him or her, “for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death us do part.” When husband and wife keep their vows the way they should, it leads to many beautiful blessings.

The second vow also leads to a life filled with abundant blessings. In the Rite of Confirmation, young adults and not-so-young adults vow to keep promises:

The pastor asks: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully? And the confirmand says, “I do, by the grace of God.”

The pastor asks, “Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?” And the new member of our church responds, “I do, by the grace of God.”

The pastor asks, “Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?” And the person who has decided to live for Christ (and to die for Christ!) responds with confidence, “I do, by the grace of God.”

Notice the work of grace. It is God working in us, by His grace, who enables us to make the vows and keep the vows. His grace is absolutely necessary for a faithful marriage filled with the joy of Jesus, and it is absolutely necessary for a faithful connection between Christ and His bride, the Church.

We need to keep these vows. We must keep them. And, if we ever find ourselves being unfaithful to the vows we have chosen to make, we quickly confess our sins. Then, having sincerely confessed, we get the joy of discovering that His grace is still sufficient for us.

By the grace of God, we make vows for marriage and for membership in the Church. Saying, in essence, I am 100 percent committed to making this marriage work and I am 100 percent committed to faithfully following my great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

To Him be glory for the gift of vows and for the gift of His all-sufficient grace.

In His Service,  
Pastor Gudgel



On Sunday, May 10th we will conduct the Rite of Confirmation during our worship service. We have five young people who have been instructed in the faith given to them in Holy Baptism. They now declare their desire to continue to share and live in this life of faith, love and service.

Our confirmands are:

Vincent Fulco  
Leni Haedt  
Elizabeth Rowley  
Reed Rowley  
Austin Sarver

Please keep these confirmands in your prayers as they continue to grow in their love of Jesus.

### Monthly Mission Offering



Our mission offerings this month will go to Master Builders Central. We will have the opportunity to support this mission on May 16th & 17th. This is the mission that Marcy went to Ethiopia to help with Parish Nurse Program.

Master Builders Central provides holistic support to less fortunate families in Ethiopia and other locations in Africa and India. Most recently Master Builders Central has begun a parish nurse initiative to equip parish nurses to serve people in their congregation and community with basic health care while sharing the Good News of Jesus. Rev. Dr. Menedo will be with us May 30-31 to provide the sermon at both services—based on outreach group—especially the Parish Nurse Initiative in Ethiopia. For more information of the Master Builders Central program can be found at: <https://www.mbcnow.org/>

### **Spring Potluck F.R.O.G.**

#### **Fully Rely on God**

Friday, May 29 at 5:30pm in the overflow room  
Grilled chicken and pork will be the main course.  
Please bring a dish to share.

Table service and beverages will be provided.



## *President's Notes*

As we begin preparing the Congregational budget for the next fiscal year I can't help but think that we as a congregation have many decisions to make regarding how we will use the gifts we have been given. Since the time we changed our accounting practices we have shown a surplus on the Church budget every year. As you know we combined the school with the Church this past year and now have a true picture of revenue and expenses. Thanks to our Treasurer and the Finance Committee, these funds have been invested and provide returns well above a bank savings account. It is anticipated that we will receive additional revenues this year from the sale of the properties. And we have no debt.

Not a bad problem to have.

However, in the back of my mind I think of Jesus's Parable of the Talent and wonder if we are utilizing HIS gifts in manner that grows HIS kingdom, or are we burying it in the ground? Yes, I know we have a long list of capital projects (parking lot, windows, north entrance and elevator). All are greatly needed. But do we need to look at our ministries as well? Our Parish Nurse Program is one of the most widely used services by members of our Congregation. Is there a need for more? We are also trying to get a fledgling youth group off the ground. Is now the time to make that investment of our time and treasure to insure its success? Are there other opportunities for ministry that we would consider?

This is not a decision that is mine to make, nor Council or any board. This has to be made by all of us together. Please call or send me a note with your thoughts.

Blessings,



## *New Members*

**CLASS**

A class for adults interested in learning about the Lutheran faith will begin on Thursday, April 30 at 6:30pm. This class, called "First Steps," will run for about 10 sessions on Thursdays in May and June. Pastor needs to know how many people to prepare for, so please notify him via email ([pastor@stpaulrochelleil.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulrochelleil.org)) or call the church office (815.562.2744). All are welcome to attend, both current members and those who are thinking about joining our church.



Guadalupe Gonzales	5/2
Zackary Abell	5/5
Ron Duval	5/6
Makenzie Johnson	5/8
Pat Fletcher	5/9
Cheston Casey	5/9
Matthew Sveta	5/9
Zoey McBride	5/11
Ben Eyster	5/14
Elise Maliszewski	5/14
Jeff Truckenbrod	5/14
<b>Diane Kester 86</b>	5/15
The Meadows 510 N State St Apt 216 Franklin Grove IL 61031	
Xin Banach	5/17
Dorene Albaugh	5/20
<b>Mary Bunger 87</b>	5/24
1201 Edelweiss Ln Apt 1 Sheboygan Falls WI 53085	
Lee Prunty	5/28
Justin Banach	5/29
Josh Johnson	5/29
Scott Paulsen	5/29
Jason Sveta	5/31

**Anniversaries**

M/M Rod Bunger	5/4
M/M Terry Stinnett	5/7
M/M Byron Burdin	5/8
M/M David Niemi	5/19
M/M Glen Mehrings	5/25
M/M Anthony Rowley	5/25
<b>M/M Archie Eyster 66</b>	5/28
10973 S Woodlawn Apt E	

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

**WRHL 1060 AM—7:30am Sundays**

- May 3 "Planning Is Everything"
- May 10 "The King Who Reigns"
- May 17 "Don't Despise Small Beginnings"
- May 24 "Misery Loves Company"
- May 31 TBA

**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 THIS MONTH**

<b>May 2</b>	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical <u>NO</u> Communion
<b>May 3</b>	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical <u>NO</u> Communion
<b>May 9</b>	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
<b>May 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
<b>May 16</b>	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary w/ Communion
<b>May 23</b>	6:00 p.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
<b>May 24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion
<b>May 28</b>	2:15 p.m.	Thursday Fellowship Worship
<b>May 30</b>	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary w/Communion
<b>May 31</b>	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical w/Communion



**40 Years of Teaching, Mentoring, Leadership, and Sharing God's Love!**

Come help us honor **Principal Steve Hall** on his retirement from St Paul Lutheran School. We are gathering to say

"thank you" for four decades of faithfulness to God's calling.

**Sunday, June 7th**

**Open House from 1030am (after church) - 1230pm**

**Location: Church Overflow Room**

Refreshments will be served.

We would like to shower Mr. Hall with cards of appreciation on this day. We hope you will take a moment to include a favorite memory of Mr. Hall. If you are unable to join us, please feel free to drop a card/gift off at the church office, or mail a card to "Steve Hall celebration, c/o St Paul Lutheran Church, 1415 10th Ave. Rochelle, IL. 61068

**Worship Anew**

Comcast channel 138 on TLN—11:30am Sundays

- May 3 "You Are Chosen!"
- May 10 "Keep on Keeping"
- May 17 "Lifted to a Higher Reality"
- May 24 "Living Water"
- May 31 "Let God Be God"

**June Newsletter Deadline**

May 15

Please turn your items in by the deadline.

Thanks!

## The Parish Nurse's Notes:

Dear St. Paul Family and Friends,

***But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*** Isaiah 40:31



People may faint from various reasons—dizziness and vertigo may resemble a fainting episode. Dizziness and vertigo have become catch all terms for many and varied impairment of spatial perception. Dizziness and vertigo are the second most common complaint in an ambulatory setting. It is the primary complaint for 5.6 million clinic visits each year in the USA. Two-thirds of the patients with vertigo are women.

Some of the more common causes of dizziness and vertigo (and feeling faint) are due to

- Positioning
- Cardiovascular risk factors
- Inflammation of the 8<sup>th</sup> cranial nerve caused by viral or bacterial infection
- Meniere Disease
- Vestibular migraines
- Cerebrovascular causes
- Anxiety
- Toxic exposures
- Multiple sclerosis
- Parkinson's Disease
- Panic
- Orthostatic hypotension
- Direct side effect of some medications
- Other causes

A careful medical evaluation is needed to identify the cause, and the treatment will depend upon the cause.

Falls are a leading cause of disability institutionalization, and premature mortality from injury and the leading cause of death for older adults. Frisk factors and vertigo in the elderly. Maintain good gait and balance. Evaluate the home for safety. Get rid of throw rugs. Install grab bars. Consider a medical alert device so if you get dizzy and fall you can call for immediate help.

If you have questions about fall prevention, feel free to contact one of the parish nurses.

In His Service, Marcy Schnorr, EdD, MS, RN-BC

**Parish Nurse Office Hours** remain weekday mornings (8:00-11:30) unless noted otherwise. Marcy will be at the annual Parish Nurse Conference at Concordia University Wisconsin from May 11-15. Maggie Niemi will be available to assist with your needs. You can call her on 815-677-6600. Or you may call the church office and Julie will assist you in contacting Maggie.

**Senior Special** will be on May 1 (10-11) in the overflow room. Debby Fyke will give a presentation on selling on eBay. This can be a good way to get some extra cash for charity or personal needs. There is no charge. Light refreshments will be served.



Invite a friend.

**No parish nurse meeting in May due to several special activities related to parish nursing in May.**

**HHC Board** will meet on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

**Lincoln Manor Outreach** will be on Thursday, May 7 at 2pm. This time together includes informal small group singing led by Steve Hall and points to ponder facilitated by Marcy. Anyone is welcome to join us for some fellowship.

**OK Club** will meet on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Rochelle Apple. The devotion and “activity” will be based on Mothers’ Day theme. If you wish to participate, contact Evelyn Hintzsche at 815-562-4668.

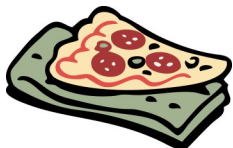
**Raeda Mansour (Bethlehem)** will be in St. Paul on May 9-10. Many of you will remember when Raeda did her internship in parish nursing at St. Paul in 2006. The NID Parish Nurse Network funds a biannual trip to the USA so she can spend some time in our district and attend the annual parish nurse conference with Marcy. We realize the weekend is Mothers’ Day weekend and may not be the best, but it is the only one that connects with the conference schedule. We hope you will be able to greet her. She considers St. Paul her “second church home” and frequently worships with us on Facebook.

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> (10-12)** will be a gathering of people from the NID Parish Nurse Network, people who have traveled with Marcy on one of the ministry trips to Bethlehem. Raeda will provide a brief overview of the events in Bethlehem and her parish nurse ministry. The Parish Nurse Team will host this event. Everyone is welcome.

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>--** Raeda will attend worship on Sunday morning and be available for a brief meet and greet in the overflow room immediately after worship—during the Adult Bible Class time. Raeda will provide an update on her parish nurse ministry and the effect that the Middle East Conflict has had on the seniors. Everyone is welcome.

Anyone interested in participating in the senior trip with the NID Parish Nurse Network must register and have their \$100 deposit paid by May 10<sup>th</sup>. The trip is to Mission Central in Mapleton, IA and a few other spots in Iowa. A few spots are still available. First come—first served.

**Senior Supper Club will meet on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Alfano's at 5:30pm.** We will have a table top version of Syt-tende Mai. Contact Dave Stewart at 815-973-4938



**OK Club will meet** at the church on Friday, May 22 with carry out lunch from Jimmy Johns. Brief Memorial Day Remembrances and Reflections will be the diversion. If you are interested in participating, please call Evelyn Hintzsche at 815-562-4668.

**Thursday Worship and Fellowship** is Thursday, May 28 at 2:15pm. This service is especially for those whose health concerns make it difficult to attend a regular weekend worship. Pastor Gudgel will lead an abbreviated service with communion. Marcy will be present to assist with any special care needs and provide a fellowship time after the service.



If you need assistance with transportation, please contact Marcy by Monday (20<sup>th</sup>) and every effort will be made to arrange transportation.

**The Senior Council** will meet on Friday, May 29 at 10am to review the past quarter for the senior ministries and prepare for the future quarter.

**Youth Families—Save the Date**



All the St. Paul members with children in grades 5th through 12th are invited to a family pizza night Saturday May 30th right after church. We are starting up the youth group again and are wanting to hear your

thoughts. We will be reaching out to you with more information. Hope to see you there!

Parish Ed.-Youth Board  
Chris Warner, Joyce Thompson, Craig Reineck,

**Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedo, (LCMS pastor) and former president of Concordia College in Selma, AL is President and CEO for Master Builders Central.** Master Builders Central provides holistic support to less fortunate families in Ethiopia and other locations in Africa and India. Most recently Master Builders Central has begun a parish nurse initiative to equip parish nurses to serve people in their congregation and community with basic health care while sharing the Good News of Jesus. Rev. Dr. Menedo will be with us May 30-31 to provide the sermon at both services—based on outreach group—especially the Parish Nurse Initiative in Ethiopia. The Board for Health and Human Care will host a brief coffee hour immediately after worship, followed by Pastor Menedo sharing more about the mission and ministry of Master Builders Central.

Marcy Schnorr served as education consultant and coordinator for the parish nurse course. Fifty people completed the course and received their certificate and parish nurse pin. Several synod(district) presidents attended the course and provided support for the initiative. Marcy will have a display table set up in the back of the sanctuary with more information about the recent parish nurse mission trip. The education team for this event will continue to serve as Parish Nurse Advisory Board for the parish nurse initiative in the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia.



**Looking ahead  
VBS**

June 1-5

9– 11:30 a.m.

Entering PK4—5th Grade

Sign-up forms will be available at the back of church.

# St. Paul Lutheran School

*“Putting Faith in Education”*



## *Thoughts from the Principal...*

When people work together for a common goal it is a thing of beauty. It is the Monday after auction, and once again the warmth and generosity of the St. Paul family is evident again. It brings a lump to my throat and tears to my eyes each year when the Jane Reineck Crusader Dinner and Auction rolls around. In fact, just the name of our auction moves me!

The Jane Reineck Crusader Dinner and Auction this past Friday night was fabulous. As I watched the evening unfold, I was amazed once again at the love for this school I was seeing. From the many donations of baskets and products to the generous bidding, I truly had a lump in my throat. On top of the donations and bidding was the generous donation of time and talent provided by our teachers, and the combination of Josh Hickey and John Bearrows running the auction. What a night it was. Even Mother Nature (so to speak) made an appearance at the end, as the weather caused an abrupt ending to the event. But that did not diminish the evening at all. It was fabulous.

So, I thank all who made this happen. When I arrived at St. Paul in 2017 after thirty years at other Lutheran Schools, I was immediately amazed at what gets accomplished here. Almost ten years later, I continue to be impressed and moved by the love, generosity, and dedication of St. Paul congregation, school families, and friends of St. Paul have for the church and school.

God is good and when we focus on Him there is no limit to what can happen. Thank you St. Paul nation. Thank you.

Blessings to All,  
Steve Hall; Principal  
St. Paul Lutheran School



St. Paul has a fund to help families with their tuition costs. The Frieda Pickreign/Jane Reineck Fund is available for our families, but this fund depends upon donations. Please consider a gift to this important cause.

The Graduation Service for the St. Paul Class of 2026 is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at 4:30 in the church sanctuary. All are invited to attend!



The closing service for the 2025-2026 school year is May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am.



As we near the end of the 2025-2026 school year, I want to give a heartfelt “THANK YOU” to St. Paul Congregation for providing and supporting our school!!

# May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>9:00am Worship w/Communion</b> 10:00am Bible Class	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	<b>29</b> <b>8:40am Chapel</b> 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	<b>30</b> 6:30pm New Member Class	<b>1</b> 10:00am Senior Special - Debby Fyke - Ebay	<b>2</b> <b>6:00pm Worship NO Communion</b>
<b>3</b> <b>9:00am Worship NO Comm</b> 10:00am Bible Class	<b>4</b> 4:30pm Board of Health & Human Care 5:30pm Dayschool Board	<b>5</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise 5:30pm Inreach/Outreach	<b>6</b> <b>8:40am Chapel</b> 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	<b>7</b> 2:00pm Outreach to Lincoln Manor 6:30pm New Member Class	<b>8</b> 12:00pm OK Club @ Rochelle Apple RSVP Evelyn 815-562-4668	<b>9</b> Raeda's visit <b>6:00pm Worship w/Communion</b>
<b>10</b> Mother's Day Raeda's visit <b>9:00am Confirmation</b> <b>9:00am Worship w/Communion</b> 10:00am Bible Class	<b>11</b> NO Parish Nurse Office Hours 6:15pm Elders	<b>12</b> NO Parish Nurse 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 1:00pm Hannah-Tabitha Circle 6:30pm WOW Bible Study	<b>13</b> NO Parish Nurse Office Hours <b>8:40am Chapel</b> 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	<b>14</b> NO New Member Class NO Parish Nurse Office Hours 1:30pm Esther-Naomi Circle	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline NO Parish Nurse Office Hours 5:30pm Sr Supper Club @ Alfano's	<b>16</b> Monthly Mission Offering - Master Builders Central <b>6:00pm Contemporary Worship w/ Communion</b>
<b>17</b> Monthly Mission Offering <b>9:00am Worship w/Comm</b> 10:00am Bible Class <b>4:30pm Graduation</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Church Council	<b>19</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Breakfast @ Sunrise	<b>20</b> <b>8:40am Chapel</b> 9:45am Women's Bible Studies	<b>21</b> 6:30pm New Member Class	<b>22</b> OK Club @ Church RSVP to Evelyn 815-562-4668	<b>23</b> <b>6:00pm Worship w/Communion</b>
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**Prayer Chain Requests:** Glennie Eyster 815-761-2782  
**Pastor Gudgel:** 815-562-2744 After hours emergency: 708-253-5761  
**Parish Nurse – Marcy Schnorr Office** 815-562-2744 Home 815-562-6823 Office Hours M-F 8:30 – 11:30



## Registration Form

St. Paul Lutheran Church VBS

June 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> 9-11:30 am

Entering Grade \*Pre-K 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

(name & phone number)

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_



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\*Must be fully potty trained

Questions? Email Toni Rowley at [tonijrowley@gmail.com](mailto:tonijrowley@gmail.com)

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**Live in person on Saturday at 6:00pm or Sunday at 9:00am**



**OR**

9:00 am Facebook Live - St. Paul Lutheran Church Page

**OR**

10:00 am on WRHL Radio 1060AM or 93.5 FM

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Marcia Schnorr, Parish Nurse 562-6823  
Steve Hall, Principal 562-6323



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