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How Can I Help Someone Become a Member of Our Church?

Dear Friends in Christ,

Becoming a member of our church is good. The reason why it is good is because Jesus has entrusted us with his Word and his Sacraments. Jesus's Word and Sacraments are what make people his disciples. At the end of Matthew's Gospel, before Jesus ascended into heaven, he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." This short statement describes how to become a member of Jesus's church. It's simple: Be baptized and be taught.

For people to be baptized and taught, Jesus provides us with pastors. Pastors baptize those who are young, middle aged, or old. Pastors teach young, middle aged, and old, too. The pastors in our church teach with Luther's Small Catechism, which is a very good tool for learning the Christian faith. The Catechism teaches us very important things to know such as how we should live (Ten Commandments), what we should believe (Creed), how we should pray (The Lord's Prayer), and how we can receive God's grace (Baptism, Confession, and Lord's Supper). Learning the Catechism is an excellent way to know the most important teachings we hold to as Christians.

I wouldn't be surprised if there are people whom you know and love who are not living as Christians. Perhaps they've never been baptized. Perhaps they were a member of a church, but they no longer attend. People find themselves in all kinds of different spiritual situations where they are no longer hearing God's Word or receiving Jesus's sacrament. You can let these people know that help is available! We pastors are here to help. The help we give is not our own. It's Jesus's help, because we do not teach our own words or thoughts, but what God has commanded us to teach in the Bible.

It is very common for people to be afraid to go to a pastor. Some people are very shy. This is where you might be able to help as their friend. You can let them know that they'll be okay. Maybe you can invite them to church with you so they can "check it out" before any meetings with the pastor. You can help a lot! Pastors can't do it all by themselves. As Paul says, we are all members of Christ's body. We must work together in our common goal of helping our fellow sinners find refuge in Jesus's forgiveness.

Now that you know how someone can become a member of our congregation (baptism and being taught), keep an eye out with those you know and love and offer a suggestion every now and then. Suggest that they come to church with you. Suggest a meeting with the pastor. If you give me contact information, I'd be happy to reach out, too. There is nothing that I like better than to teach the catechism. Understand that there's no pressure either. If a person doesn't believe what the catechism teaches or doesn't like meeting with me, that's okay. I always feel privileged just to have the opportunity to teach it.

In Christ,

Pastor Holmen



That All May Know Him



If the weather is questionable, or if for some other reason you are wondering whether church services will be held or not, please check our website's Home page at www.splfairmont.org or call the CHURCH OFFICE (507-238-9491) before leaving home and listen to the entire first message on the answering machine (do not press "4").

If services are cancelled, an announcement will be made in place of the standard message WHENEVER POSSIBLE. If you do not hear a message cancelling services, then they will go on as scheduled.

LWML Quarterly Meeting

LWML Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Members-at-Large are responsible for the hostesses/devotion/topic part of the meeting. Some of the discussion items will include: LWML Sunday volunteers; 2025 schedule; 2024 LWML Christmas gifts; 2024 shut-in Christmas gifts; revision of Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fairmont, Minnesota; determine dues for 2025; and other LWML projects. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Please join us.

September Gala Meeting

The next Gala meeting is Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

4th Annual Gala to be Held Nov. 15th

Mark your calendars for our 4th annual Gala Event, November 15, 2024, at the Fairmont Event Center (Best Western). There will be great food and drinks, games, silent and live auctions, all beginning at 5:00 p.m. The theme this year is Gala-Western, so informal attire is appropriate.

Your donations are respectfully requested for both the live and silent auction! Some ideas for your consideration include: snow removal (for the season or for a specified number of times), Gopher ticket baskets (or other sport team events), a progressive dinner hosted by several couples or other dining events, making home-baked cookies, cakes, bread, pies, desserts, or other food items monthly for a year, hosting a wine and cheese event, or providing a wood-working project of your choice. The possibilities depend on your creative ideas! Have fun with it! To date, we have an original Michael Kutch loon and two dozen eggs monthly for a year. Please understand that donations should not be garage sale items or other things which would be more appropriately donated to 12 Baskets or another charity.

For more general information, contact Kathy Eyerly (507-238-1802 or 507-230-0402). Ticket sale information will be forthcoming.

DEADLINE

OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER/
CALENDAR
DEADLINE

Sunday, September 15

Email splcoffice@splfairmont.org

Worship Services & Bible Studies:

Worship Services:

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. & Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

*Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Youth Bible Class & Youth Family Bible Studies
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.*



Other Worship Opportunities:

Sundays, 9:00 am

Worship Service Livestream
(or watch on demand any time on our website)

Sundays, 10:00 am

Worship Service broadcast on KSUM

Saturdays, 12:00 noon

Worship Service on
local cable access channel 12

This Month's Faithful Servants

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at www.spfairmont.org

Altar Guild

Aug. 31-Sept. 1 Sara Utermarck, Jodi Hackett
 Sept. 7-8 Kristi Behrens, Renee Benschoter, Kathy Wedel
 Sept. 14-15 Bonnie Taplin, Lowell Spee
 Sept. 21-22 DeAnn Eversman, Julie Wolf, Nikki Bremer, Peg Elbert
 Sept. 28-29 Deb Eversman, Lori Chirpich

Ushers

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart
Sunday, 9 a.m.—Dylan Kallemeyn, Joe Kallemeyn, Doug Abel, Tadd Abel, Charles Maday, Jackson Utermarck, Jim Utermarck, Kent Milbrandt, Jon Eversman, Dan Driscoll, Jeff Eversman, Nicholas Eversman, Jacob Taylor, Tom Taylor.

Worship Service Assistants

Sat., Aug. 31, 5:30 p.m. Matthew Northwick, Charles Northwick
 Sun., Sept. 1, 9:00 a.m. Merle Boesch, Justin Jobe
 Sat., Sept. 7, 5:30 p.m. Larry Behrens, Rob True
 Sun., Sept. 8, 9:00 a.m. Richard Behrens
 Sat., Sept. 14, 5:30 p.m. Jeff Eversman, Jon Eversman
 Sun., Sept. 15, 9:00 a.m. Jamie Tordsen
 Sat., Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m. Matthew Northwick, Rob True
 Sun., Sept. 22, 9:00 a.m. Dylan Kallemeyn
 Sat., Sept. 28, 5:30 p.m. Dave Kumm, Charles Northwick
 Sun., Sept. 29, 9:00 a.m. Jim Utermarck

Sunday Greeters

Sept. 1 Kent & Erlene Milbrandt, Chris Engelby
 Sept. 8 Jamie & April Tordsen, Marv Goebel
 Sept. 15 Norm & Vi Gratz, David Johnson
 Sept. 22 Stan & Sharon Block, Deb Bertram
 Sept. 29 Rod & Peggy Elbert, Lori Chirpich

Fun Bags

Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday listed below

1st Sunday/Mo Sara Becker
 2nd Sunday/Mo April Tordsen
 3rd Sunday/Mo Chris Engelby
 4th Sunday/Mo Angela Preuss
 5th Sunday/Mo Joan Abel (school yr.); Ruth Engelby (summer)

Attendance Cards/Pencils

Refill cards & sharpen pencils at least monthly (or as needed)
 Deb Eversman and Amy Anders
 (Ruth Engelby and Richard Schultz, Subs)

Saturday Funeral Volunteer

Josh Laven

Thank you, volunteers!

Council of Deacons

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Below is a listing of the Council of Deacons. If you have a concern, you may contact any one of the following:

POSITION

Name (Years) Phone

CHAIRMAN

Matt Northwick (1).....507-236-1531

SECRETARY

Richard Eyerly (1).....507-238-1802

BUDGET & FINANCE

Corey Simpson (2).....605-480-1982

CALLING DEACON

Doug Closs (3).....507-456-1917

CALLING DEACON

Merle Boesch (1).....507-236-4641

CALLING DEACON

Larry Krenz (3).....507-236-5616

EVANGELISM

Rod Elbert (3).....320-894-6882

PARISH MINISTRIES

Dan Driscoll (2).....507-525-4490

SCHOOL

Matt Singleton (1).....507-848-0324

STEWARDSHIP

Jeff Eversman (2).....507-236-9140

TRUSTEES

Mike Schroeder (3).....515-341-1167

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

Jamie Tordsen (2).....507-230-0186

Congregational Assembly

PRESIDENT

Chuck Northwick.....507-236-0257

SECRETARY

Pam Carlson.....507-236-5347

TREASURER

Brad Appel.....507-236-8455



SPL Gear Store

The SPL Gear Store has been updated and includes many designs. Now's a great time to make sure to get your Falcon gear ordered!

There are toddler through adult sizes of t-shirts and sweatshirts in a variety of colors and designs, as well as hats, mugs, tumblers, tote bags, and backpacks available.

All of these items would make great gifts, too!

tvivmn.chipply.com/spl/



Lutheran Laymen's League

The LLL will meet Saturday, September 7th, 9:00 a.m., at The Ranch Restaurant. All members and those interested in the work of the LLL are welcome to attend. See you there!

LSB Large Print Books Available

The school office has two large print *Lutheran Service Books* available for purchase at a reduced price of \$40 each. (This is \$10 off the regular price.)

This & That

Automatic Giving: It's easy to give your offering automatically through a program called Give+ Online. You may set up regular giving or give one time. There are also options for giving to other funds in the drop-down list. Enroll or give online at splfairmont.org (click on "Church" then "Give+ Online.") There are also one-time and automatic giving opportunities available through PayPal on various pages of our website. (Please use your envelope number as your Member ID number when setting up your account; contact the church office if you need that information.)

LWML Mite Box: The Mite Box will be in the narthex for the collecting of mites the first Sunday of the month. Please empty your mite box into the large mite box and continue saving your coins for the mission of our district and international projects.

Free small catechism mobile app: Luther's Small Catechism with explanation is available free at Google Play (Item 223203DRD) or at Apple App Store (Item 223203APP). You can find other apps by searching "Apps" at www.cph.org.

Prayer Chain: If you would like to be part of the SPL email prayer chain or have a prayer request, please contact them at prayerchain@splfairmont.org.

Please Let Us Know: If you have a change of address, telephone number, etc.; if you or a loved one are hospitalized or ill; if you have had a recent death in the family.

Lutheran Singles on Facebook: This group is for like-minded single confessional Lutherans: marriage-seeking, liturgical, Christ-centered, Cross-focused.

Contemplating Marriage? If you are contemplating marriage in the coming months, be sure to contact the church office first before setting any wedding dates. The wedding booklet is available on our website, as well as other useful information.

Wanting to Earmark a Gift? On occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays, at the loss of a loved one, or when estate planning, members have asked for ideas to earmark their gifts. Here are some suggestions if you want to give an earmarked item (a complete list is on our website):

- SPL Church & School Operating Budget;
- Sanctuary Repairs;
- Debt Reduction;
- Church Endowment;
- School Endowment;
- Church or School Upkeep & Repair;
- Vernon H. Harley Scholarship;
- Anna Keck School Tuition Aid Fund;
- Operating Reserve Fund; or
- Ask in the church or school office for current special "wish list" items.



Choir & Handbells Update

The season has begun! Ensembles are beginning at SPL on the first Wednesday in September! Handbells will rehearse at 6:00 p.m. with adult choir to follow at 7:00 p.m. If you have any interest in joining our group, please talk to me! I am so excited to begin making music and there is always space for new people! Additionally, if you are high school aged and would like to participate in a high school handbell ensemble, please get in contact with me. Those rehearsals will take place after church on Sundays! My phone number is 570-604-1804 if you have any questions, concerns, or if you would like more information about the ensembles.



Hannah Weaver, Director of Music

Stewards, Called to Forgiveness

Human beings were created and redeemed to be stewards. Bearing the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28), the steward was created to reflect the Creator within creation. In a way, stewards are simply mirrors. Mirrors cannot do anything to the image that is placed in front of them.

A mirror was the first item in creation that embodied the computer term GIGO, "Garbage In, Garbage Out." In a computer, if you enter good data, you get a good result. You enter bad data; you will get a garbage result.

In photography, you can run an image through a filter, which can remove imperfections. Myriad apps allow for the option to cut people out, add people in, and change backgrounds all in an attempt to make the perfect image. Mirrors cannot do that. They simply reflect the person standing in front of them.

Stewards are like this. Created to reflect, a steward will reflect the God in front of them. The steward will either reflect a godly stewardship that holds that God is the owner of all things (Ps. 24:1) and is the One to whom they are accountable, or they will reflect the god of self and see the created order as something to be possessed, used, and in far too many cases, abused. It is not a question of IF the steward reflects, it is really a question of WHO is being reflected.

For this reason, the *Lutheran Service Book* has included a necessary hymn worthy of meditation: "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788). Its first verse reads:

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,
While of Your richer gifts we're unaware.

This is a fitting call to repentance for every steward. Our thankfulness is so often shallow. We get comfortable with the overflowing blessings we have entrusted to us by the Lord. These trusts are so many that the steward often forgets the One who entrusts them. Worse, with so many physical trusts evident, the steward loses sight of the greatest trust: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The failed steward sees so much plenty that they lose sight of the treasure: Jesus!

So, we confess our shallow thankfulness. In absolution, the imperfections of the failed steward are wiped away and a new image is sent into the world. We release our hold on stuff. We rethink our relationship with the created order and recall that it is all to be used FOR JESUS! This keeps the richer gifts in view, for us and for those we know and love who need Jesus.

~LCMS Stewardship Ministry
lcms.org/stewardship

Mark Your Calendar

Dates/times subject to change

Circles

Clara Circle

Sept. 11, 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Room

Eve Circle

Sept. 9, 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Room

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LWML

Sept. 5, 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Room

*Each woman of the LCMS
is a part of the LWML*

**Lutheran Women's
Missionary League,**
as the official women's auxiliary
of the LCMS, encourages
and equips women to live out
their Christian lives in active
mission ministries and to
support global missions.

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Lutheran Laymen's League

Saturday, September 7th
9:00 a.m.

The Ranch Restaurant



CALL-EM-ALL OR TEXT-EM-ALL

Register on our website's Home page to be included any mass messages sent out to our members. (There is no need to sign up again if you have already registered.)



You are able to choose whether you want a text or phone message.

www.spfairmont.org

Pastoral Care at Mayo, Rochester

Those hospitalized or receiving medical care at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN are now being cared for by the pastoral staff of Trinity Lutheran Church of Rochester. Members in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Nate Schwartz at 816-806-6797 or chaplain@trinitylutheranchurch.org. The pastoral staff at Trinity is honored to assist you in caring for Christ's sheep.

There is also a list of LCMS pastors near other Minnesota hospitals that are willing to provide pastoral care, available by going to Minnesota South's website at www.mnsdistrict.org, then select News & Events—Publications—E-News.



MLHS News

Office Hours:

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ~ Monday through Friday
Phone: 507-436-5249 • www.martinlutherhs.com

This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.

MLHS began its 42nd academic year on Tuesday, August 27th. The 2024-2025 theme is "Be Transformed" based on Romans 12:1-3. Please keep your Lutheran high school in your prayers as we seek to carry out our mission of "preparing students for discipleship until Christ's return."

*** Go to martinlutherhs.com for latest updates and LIVE Google Calendar ***

SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER CALENDAR

- September 1-2 — No School
- September 4 — Faculty Meeting
- September 23 — Eligibility Grade Check
- September 25 — Enrichment Day Trip

- October 2 — Faculty Meeting
- October 15-16 — Student Service Days
- October 17-18-19 — No School; Rummage Sale
- October 16-17 — Parent/Teacher Conf.
- October 20 — Delegate Meeting
- October 21 — Eligibility Grade Check
- October 25 — 7 & 8 Step Up Day



- November 1-2 — Drama Production
- November 6—Faculty Meeting
- November 9 — Mission Possible Benefit Knight
- November 11 — Grandparents/Veterans Day Dinner & NHS Induction
- November 17 — MLHS Sunday
- November 18—Eligibility Grade Check
- November 21-December 1 — No School; Thanksgiving Break

- December 4 — Faculty Meeting
- December 14 — Christmas Concert
- December 18-19-20 — Semester Finals
- December 22-January 5 — No School; Christmas Break



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The 2024-2025 school year began August 26th.
Thank you for keeping SPL School in your prayers!

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE...

- Sermons in Glass Hardcover Book — \$50 (Limited Supply)
- St. Paul's Culinary Classics (Red) Cookbook — Sale Price \$10!
- Financial Peace University Book with 1-Year Online Membership — \$80 — SALE!
- SPL School Cookbook — \$10
- ESV Pew Bible — \$17
- Lutheran Service Book, Pew Edition (Hymnal) — \$30
- Luther's Small Catechism — \$20
- John Sagissor Limited Edition Print of Church — \$20
- John Sagissor Note Cards (6 cards/env's) — \$10
- Several Varieties "This Is Most Certainly Brew" Coffee — \$10 or \$11, as marked
- Hy-Vee Gift Cards (Quantities Limited, Various Denominations)



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Church Endowment Fund*

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SPL Endowment Fund Committee

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- Chuck Northwick, 507-235-3409
- Dave Johnson, 507-235-6953
- Kathy Eyerly, 507-238-1802
- Ed Ritter, 507-235-6248
- Jim Utermarck (Chairman)
507-238-5457, 507-236-3942

School Fundraisers

COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM — This fundraiser opens up new funding opportunities to help the learning environment for our students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> and then search by zip code, and scan or enter product codes from participating Coca-Cola products. Each product code scanned or entered on their website has a unique donation value. To learn more, go to <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/>. Thank you!

RAISERIGHT FUNDRAISING: Raise money for St. Paul Lutheran School (or a specific family in our school) just by purchasing gas, groceries, and other items with these gift cards. You receive the full value of what you paid plus you earn an immediate rebate percentage of what you spent — typically between 3-15%, depending on the retailer. Use the proceeds to supplement the school budget, or families can receive credit toward tuition and other school expenses. Go to [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com) and use our enrollment code **24271B1C5147L** to get started. Questions? Contact Joan Abel, jabel@spfairmont.org or 507-236-9521.

HY-VEE & FAREWAY RECEIPTS: Save your Fairmont Hy-Vee and Fareway receipts — turn in to the collection bins located in the upstairs school corridor and church basement. For each \$200,000 in receipts collected from their store, they donate \$1,000 to St. Paul Lutheran School. Receipts must be from Fairmont stores only; remember to thank the stores for this program when you shop!

SUBWAY CARDS: If you purchase Subway cards, 2% of your purchase can go to SPLS. If you already have a card or when you purchase one, add our school's code (3TQF) to your card at www.subway.com or call 1-800-564-1343. Subway cards can be purchased at any Subway and are redeemed at full purchase price when you eat at Subway.

OTHER PROGRAMS: Scan Box Tops for Education receipts; save Tyson "Project A+" labels; and Pizza Ranch "wagon" symbols. We also collect used, workable cell phones.

WE ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT of our other school fundraisers, such as the Tour of Tables/Cakewalk and Basket Fundraiser.

THE SCHOOL ALSO collects aluminum pop tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House in the Twin Cities. Families receiving care at any Twin Cities area hospital are eligible to stay there, provided their children are being treated for cancer or have other life-threatening illnesses and the family resides 45 miles or greater from the Twin Cities. Yearly, more than 600 families stay there.



September

God's Blessings on Your Birthday!

Joe & Nancy Stauffer	Sep 1
Mark & Carrie Westcott	Sep 2
Neil & Susan Benschoter	Sep 3
Weston & Nichole Bremer	Sep 3
Michael & Jana Holmen	Sep 4
Daniel & Wendy Yahnke	Sep 5
Brent & Carol Tonne	Sep 5
Larry & Lori Krenz	Sep 5
Chuck & Elaine Lieder	Sep 5
Todd & Ramona Morris	Sep 6
Benjamin & Callie Austin	Sep 7
Rod & Peg Elbert	Sep 7
Chad & Ashley Kumm	Sep 8
Duane & Jan Rieland	Sep 9
Dustin & Whitney Mattson	Sep 10
Jon & DeAnn Eversman	Sep 11
Richard & Jolene Kruse	Sep 13
John & Deanne Fritchman	Sep 14
Johnathan & Heather Taplin	Sep 15
John & Jean Huttemeier	Sep 19
Larry & Kristi Behrens	Sep 19
Roger & Pamela Carlson	Sep 20
Kent & Erlene Milbrandt	Sep 22
Bartholomew & Sarah Musser	Sep 23
Charles & Mary Jo Maday	Sep 24
Norman & Violet Gratz	Sep 25
Greg & Nancy Gellert	Sep 27
Kip & Lynette Jessen	Sep 29
Matt & Shannon Singleton	Sep 29
Maria & Dan Bicknase	Sep 30
Randall & Jean Kabe	Sep 30

Gary Krumholz	Sep 1	Blake Steuber	Sep 14
Susan Brammeier	Sep 1	Marianne Hagen	Sep 14
Duane Peymann	Sep 2	Lori Chirpich	Sep 15
Greg Gellert	Sep 2	Peg Elbert	Sep 15
Trevor Rosburg	Sep 4	Kevin Hillmer	Sep 15
Ella Wubbena	Sep 4	Tadd Abel	Sep 16
Elaine Lieder	Sep 5	Becky Janssen	Sep 16
Amanda Day	Sep 5	Joan Luedtke	Sep 17
Michael Breitbarth	Sep 5	Bonnie Taplin	Sep 17
Kevin Schmitz	Sep 5	Jolene Freeman	Sep 17
Brian Hackett	Sep 6	Jonathan Carlson	Sep 18
Marvin Goebel	Sep 6	Rianna Rivera	Sep 18
Sawyer Tordsen	Sep 7	Cindy Viesselman	Sep 19
Jamie Tordsen	Sep 7	Kenneth Winter	Sep 19
Tyler Bremer	Sep 7	Tyson McKean	Sep 20
James Miller	Sep 7	Diana Olson	Sep 20
Amy Wintheiser	Sep 7	Jeremy Stauffer	Sep 20
Rick Smith	Sep 7	Gerald Meyer	Sep 21
Addison Harris	Sep 7	Abigail Sundeen	Sep 22
Wiley Pastrick	Sep 8	Marilyn Hovick	Sep 23
Jacob Singleton	Sep 8	Adam Tenney	Sep 23
Jerome Gerdts	Sep 8	James Viesselman	Sep 23
Derek True	Sep 9	Cale Betts	Sep 23
Jadrien Irwin	Sep 9	Ashley Preuss	Sep 23
Eleanor Laue	Sep 9	Taylor Conn	Sep 24
Denise Mosloski	Sep 9	Lynette Jessen	Sep 24
Derrek Meacham	Sep 10	Colton Meade	Sep 24
LaVon Rippentrop	Sep 10	Benjamin Post	Sep 25
Betty Lemke	Sep 10	Betsy Steuber	Sep 25
Gary Stusse	Sep 10	Jeanne Walden	Sep 26
Daniel Yahnke	Sep 10	Preston Preuss	Sep 26
Carry Thomas	Sep 11	Ardella Nagel	Sep 26
Whitney Mattson	Sep 11	Randy Deling	Sep 26
Barb Amy	Sep 11	Easton Bultman	Sep 26
Walker Tordsen	Sep 11	Steph McFarland	Sep 27
Jeffrey Zarling	Sep 12	Christina Engelby	Sep 27
Douglas Closs	Sep 12	Hannah Weaver	Sep 27
Justine Gerdts	Sep 12	Nicole Hardt	Sep 28
Kim Appel	Sep 12	Kathy Meixell	Sep 29
Kelly Hillmer	Sep 12	Avis Wagner	Sep 29
Chloe Scheevel	Sep 14	Ja'Shawna Conley	Sep 30
Courtney Williams	Sep 14	Tim Hested	Sep 30
Mary Kay Smith	Sep 14	Todd Thiesse	Sep 30

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-ABC 6:30pm-Jr. Youth, FR</p>	<p>2 Labor Day SPLS—No School Church Office Closed Pastors' Day Off</p>	<p>3 8:25am-School Chapel</p>	<p>4 8:25am-School Chapel (Matins) 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 5:30pm-School Board, FR 6:00pm-Bells 6:00pm-Trustees, ChB 6:30pm-Parish Min., ChB 7:00pm-Choir</p>	<p>5 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL 7:00pm-LWML, FR</p>	<p>6 8:25am-School Chapel 3:30pm-Goldfinch Comm.</p>	<p>7 9:00am-LLL, The Ranch 12:00pm-Worship Svc on Local Cable Access Ch 12 5:30pm-Worship Service</p>
<p>8 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS</p>	<p>9 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off 7:00pm-Eve, FR</p>	<p>10 8:25am-School Chapel 6:30pm-Stewardship, FR</p>	<p>11 8:25am-School Chapel (Matins) 1:30pm-Clara, FR 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 6:00pm-Bells 6:00pm-B&F, FR 7:00pm-Choir</p>	<p>12 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL 10:00am-Pastors' Circuit Meeting</p>	<p>13 8:25am-School Chapel 2:00pm-Ingleside</p>	<p>14 12:00pm-Worship Svc on Local Cable Access Ch 12 5:30pm-Worship Service</p>
<p>15 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>16 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off</p>	<p>17 8:25am-School Chapel 10:00am-Goldfinch Memory Care</p>	<p>18 8:25am-School Chapel (Matins) SPLS—School Pictures 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 5:30pm-Deacons, FR 6:00pm-Bells 7:00pm-Choir</p>	<p>19 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL</p>	<p>20 8:25am-School Chapel</p>	<p>21 12:00pm-Worship Svc on Local Cable Access Ch 12 5:30pm-Worship Service</p>
<p>22 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS</p>	<p>23 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off</p>	<p>24 8:25am-School Chapel 5:30pm-Inactive Member Committee Meeting, ChB 6:30pm-Gala Meeting, FR</p>	<p>25 8:25am-School Chapel (Matins) 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 6:00pm-Bells 7:00pm-Choir</p>	<p>26 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL</p>	<p>27 8:25am-School Chapel 3:00pm-LMHCC</p>	<p>28 12:00pm-Worship Svc on Local Cable Access Ch 12 5:30pm-Worship Service</p>
<p>29 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS 6:30pm-HS Youth, FR</p>	<p>30 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">All flesh is like grass ... The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever. 1 Peter 1:24-25</p>		<p>KEY: ChB = Church Basement FR = Fellowship Room ABC = Adult Bible Class YBC = Youth Bible Class YFBS = Young Family Bible Study SS = Sunday School AC = Adult Catechumenate DL = Deadline</p>

September

How
beautiful
are the feet
of those
who preach
the
good news!
~ Romans 10:15

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CALL TO SERVICE

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Sunday Education Opportunities for All Ages • *Starting Sept. 8th!*

Sunday School (Potty trained-Grade 4): Sunday School meets in various classrooms according to grade level and learns different stories in the Bible. We close in the gym with closing prayer and songs.

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-8): Meeting in the art room, this class meets every week. We read through books of the Bible and review the sermon of the day.

High School Youth (Grades 9-12): Why sing hymns? How are they both different from Scripture and yet, at the same time, enrich our knowledge of God? Why is the Lutheran Church the “singing church”? So many questions! The High School Bible Class will study the poetry, music, history, and the testimony of our faith that we hold in our hands. We will meet in Mrs. Holmen’s 7th/8th grade classroom. There will be coffee. There will be donuts. Most importantly, there will be the opportunity to take a deep dive into one of the greatest gifts of our church: the *Lutheran Service Book*. This class will be taught by Jana Holmen.

Young Adult/Families Bible Class: This class meets every Sunday after the Church Service in the fellowship room. Feel free to bring your children who aren’t old enough for Sunday School. We are reading the Bible in its entirety utilizing study guides from Concordia Publishing. This study is led by Josh Laven.

Class on the Relationship between Church and State: The relationship between church and state can be tense, combative—even deadly. In this class, we will study this relationship from the Scriptures, from church

history, and we will especially focus on what happened in Nazi Germany. One of the highlights of the class will be a new movie coming out in November about a Lutheran pastor who tried to assassinate Hitler, was caught, and died in a concentration camp. This class will meet from September until Christmas break in the 5th/6th grade classroom. It will be taught by Pastor Holmen with assistance from Brian Wille, a high school history teacher.



Adult Bible Class—Reading Isaiah with Luther: The prophet Isaiah served God in troubled times: the Northern Kingdom of Israel was about to fall to the Assyrians and be scattered never to return, and Isaiah predicted the fall of the Southern Kingdom of Judah to the Babylonians, their exile and return. Luther was living in troubled times when teaching this great prophet: the Lutheran Reformation was in full swing and it was very uncertain (humanly speaking) whether it would succeed. We live in troubled times. (Has there ever been a time not troubled?) The Old Testament book of Isaiah contains some of the most familiar words of God, especially prophecies of the coming Savior, the Messiah, the Christ, many of them quoted by Jesus and New Testament authors. Guided by Luther’s insights on how Christ is the fulfillment of all Scripture, we will hear how God’s Word of Law and Gospel through Isaiah is still very needed in these troubled days. Close to 1/3 of all Old Testament Readings heard in church (Series A, B, and C) are from Isaiah. Most of these readings will be our content with Luther’s comments from his 1527-29 lectures guiding us (*Luther’s Works*, AE v. 16-17). This class will meet in the church basement starting September 8 with Pastor Bertram teaching.