

~NOTES AND NEWS~ St. Paul Lutheran Church, September 20, 2026

WELCOME: A warm welcome to all worshipers on The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Empowered by our Lord's Spirit, we continue to run the race of faith! This is an important "training stop" along the way as together we grow in faith and worship our loving Lord Jesus. We thank the Lord for your presence with us today.

COMMUNION IN THE PEW: If it has become necessary for you to have communion brought to you in the pew, please notify the pastor or an Elder. We are pleased to assist you in receiving this great blessing on a regular basis.

<u>Servant Role</u>	<u>9/20 - 8:30 AM</u>	<u>9/20 - 11:00 AM</u>
Usher	Singers & Larry M	Rich C & Scott H
Elder		

Attendance last week: 61 + 58 = 119

Offering: \$4,388.00 **Needed:** \$8,844.88

- **BULLETIN DUE DATE:** Do you have something for the bulletin? Please have anything for the bulletin to the church office or Secretary's mailbox by noon on Wednesday for the upcoming Sunday. Thank you.
- **FELLOWSHIP PAD:** Visitors & Members - please sign the Fellowship Pad. Visitors, please include your address and/or phone number. If you do not have a church home, are interested in joining our church family, or would like information about St. Paul, please speak with Pastor Stahl, an Elder, or an usher, who will be happy to assist you.
- **GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS:** We are happy to be able to provide Gluten-free communion wafers. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform Pastor and/or the Elder on duty before service. If a gluten-free wafer is not offered to you while you receive communion, quietly ask for one.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES NOTIFICATION:** Since the contract with Pastor Boshoven has come to an end, the church is in a pastoral vacancy status. We have discontinued Wednesday night services until future notifications.
- **CARDS IN THE CARD CASE:** The cards in the card case no longer come in lidded boxes, so I have put them in bins. Each card has been tucked into its corresponding envelope. When selecting a card, please make sure you take the designated envelope. If you decide not to take a card you've picked out, please return both the card and envelope to the correct bin. Thank you!
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Women's Bible Study meets every **2nd and 4th Thursday from 10:00 - 11:30 AM**. The next one will be **September 24th**.
- **THE WELCOME NOOK:** The Welcome Nook is available after each service. Sign up in the Narthex if you'd like to bring a treat, set up, serve, or clean up.
- **PING PONG BALL DROP:** A sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Ping Pong Drop that was held on Sunday, September 13th. It was a very successful event. A special thanks to Amy Cuthrell who shared the fundraising idea and worked diligently selling tickets, setting up the helicopter and driver and encouraging us to sell the tickets. To Bob and Kathy Smith who contributed their ideas and many hours to selling tickets and bookkeeping for the event. To Linda Matuszak for setting up the location at the Moose Club and selling tickets. To all the sellers that took tickets and

sold them and to you for purchasing the tickets. All the proceeds will assist the Evangelism team to support those in need in our church and community through the Giving Tree. Please see any Evangelism team members if you have any questions.

- **CALL COMMITTEE**: The Call Committee for a new Pastor has received its second call list from the District Office and is reviewing the roster of candidates as we move forward in the process. We ask for your prayers for guidance from the Holy Spirit during this important time. Thank you. -Cindy Morley
- **PURSE COLLECTION**: Do you have gently used purses? Through the "Purposely Purses" initiative, we are collecting bags for a local community mission that provides essential first-day bags to women entering the shelter. Your donated bags will bless someone going through a hard situation. A big thank you for your support—one batch has already been collected and distributed!
- **JOY**: Just Older Youth will meet in the church at **noon on Sunday, September 20**, and go to Bay City for lunch at Grampa Tony's. Then we will go see the Bay City Players' performance of "Leading Ladies" by Ken Ludwig. Twenty tickets have been reserved at a cost of \$18 each. Reimbursement can be made to Karen. JOY includes everyone 50 and older. Please see the sheet in the Narthex for more info and sign up there.
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**: We need your help! On **Wednesday, September 30 at 10:00 AM**, we plan to fold the "Go-boxes" which are filled for the children when we pack our boxes in October. Come & help if you can. If you have any questions, call Marilyn Hinderer at 989-673-6675.
- **BIBLE STUDY HOUR**: **Sundays from 9:45 - 10:45 AM** you can dive deeper into God's Word with us! We have **Sunday School** (Pre-K through 8th Grade) in the building across the parking lot, and a **High School Class** downstairs in the youth room, for answering real questions they might have. Adults are invited to the Meeting Room for an **Adult Bible Study** to enjoy fellowship and explore God's word more deeply. There is a place for everyone!

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Sunday, September 20	8:30 AM – Contemporary Worship with Communion 9:45 AM – Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 AM – Traditional Service with Communion 12:00 PM – JOY Group 12:15 PM – Confirmation Class
Monday, September 21	5:30 PM – Choir 6:30 PM – Handbells
Tuesday, September 22	8:30 AM – Quilters 5:30 PM – Contemporary Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 23	3:00 PM – Forge
Thursday, September 24	10:00-11:30 AM – Women's Bible Study
Sunday, September 27	8:30 AM – Traditional Worship with Communion 9:45 AM – Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 AM – Contemporary Worship with Communion 12:15 PM – Confirmation Class 6:30-8:00 PM – Youth Group