



# St. Paul's Epistle

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Box 726, Garrison, ND 58540

September/October 2025



St. Paul  
Lutheran Church

## ***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

***SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025 EDITION***

### **FALL BLESSINGS!**

**Stay safe  
during the holiday!**



**It's time for our fall programs to begin!  
Sunday School, Sonshine Friends, Bible  
Studies, and much more!**



**Bibles, Bibles, Bibles!** Please join us in worship  
on **Sunday, September 7th at 9AM** for Bible  
presentations and blessings!

**Pre-K, 3rd graders and 7th graders  
will be receiving their Bibles!**

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**Our Sunday School kick-off is Sunday, September 7th at  
10 am.**

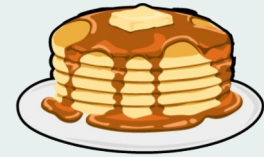
**Sonshine Friends—our first session back will be com-  
bined starting September 10th.**

**Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, the 10th  
and Sunday, the 14th.**

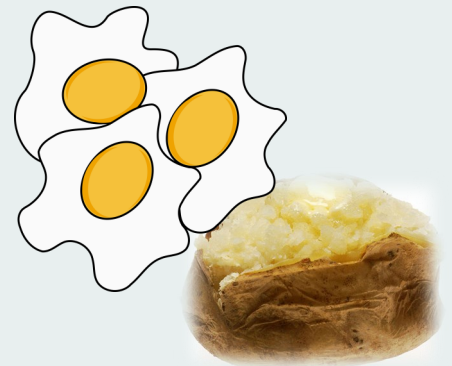
**Men's Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 16!**

### **2 Upcoming Youth Group Fundraisers!**

**Pancake Breakfast, Sun-  
day,  
September 7th  
following worship.**



**Breakfast Fundraiser,  
Sunday,  
November 2nd following  
worship.**



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***Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in  
faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community  
and world as disciples of Jesus.***

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- Our Sunday School kick-off is Sunday, September 7th at 10 am.
- We follow the Sunday lessons during Sunday School.
- We are always looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday School. Activities and lessons are planned out, you can just show up and read through the lessons!
- If you have questions, please contact Holly Klemisch, FFD, Lisa Maki, Sunday School Coordinator, or Katie Bittner, Sunday School Co-Coordinator.

## Sonshine Friends

Our theme for this year is “Fruits of the Spirit”

We will continue to split into two groups rotating every other week. The following week we will split into our groups.

Group A (K-2nd Graders): Starts Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 3-4:30pm

Group B (3-6th Graders): Starts Wednesday, September 24, 2025 from 3-4:30pm.

We are always looking for volunteers to help assist Holly. Not able to help physically, consider donating snacks and/or drinks for the kids to enjoy! If you have questions, please let Holly Klemisch know.

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## GATHER

## GROW

## GO

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## Children & Youth Happenings

### Youth Group

Sunday's from 6PM-7:30PM

September 21

October 12

### Western ND Synod LYO

October 16-17 Senior High

October 17-18 Junior High

Is in Dickinson this year!

### Camp of the Cross Youth Bash

November 1st –2nd

## Confirmation Classes

Classes will begin on

Wednesday, September 10th.

7th grade meets at 6:30PM.

8th grade meets at 7:15PM.

9th graders will meet on Sunday's at 10:30AM:

September 14, 28, October 12 and 19. Make up day is November 9



Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism) will be celebrated on Sunday, October 5th.

# Worship

## Sundays

*Please remember we are committed to Live Streaming all of our worship services. If you would like to help please see Pastor Sloka!*

**Scripture Readers** needed for September & October.

**Acolytes** needed for September & October.

**Fellowship Servers** are needed for September & October.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)** will be celebrated on Sunday, October 5th.

## Mission Support

**“Little Lunches Backpack Program”** is at St. Paul. We are hosting their site for storage and ministry. If you would like to get involved, please let Dawn Kolden or Pastor Sloka know.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church in Max is our ministry partner!** Pastor Sloka is their pastor and we are now blessed to be served by 2 Synodically Authorized Ministers together. Congratulations and blessings to Lisa Haugen and Mike Youngs. What is a SAM you ask? A SAM is a lay person, authorized by a bishop to preach and preside at Holy Communion in specific situations within a congregation, particularly when a rostered pastor (ordained minister) is unavailable. They are not ordained, but receive authorization for specific duties, often in smaller or rural congregations, or during times of transition.



### Quilting

Join them on Mondays at 1PM, except holidays!



## ACTION GROUPS

The October Action Group will meet Sunday, September 21st.

The November Action Group will finalize their schedule on Sunday, October 19th.

## Weekly Bible Studies

### Women of Faith Discussion Group

We will be viewing and discussing DVD's on Tuesday mornings at 10AM. The first Tuesday we meet will be September 9th! See Loree or Holly.

### Men's Tuesday morning Bible

**Study:** Join us each Tuesday in the Chapel at 10AM. Starting in September. Our first Tuesday will be September 16th.

### Thursday Morning Community

**Bible Study:** at the Meadows will continue at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. The study is looking at the upcoming Sunday readings.

### WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETING and BIBLE STUDY

Morning Circle meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 9:30AM for fellowship and Bible study.

### Choir Practices/ Singing in worship



Practices are on Sundays September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 26 at 10:20 a.m. Sing in worship on September 28 and October 26. Anyone who enjoys singing please join us in the choir loft! Questions? Please see Lisa Haugen.



Greetings friends!

Wow, wow, wow! Summer has flown by so fast and now school has started. Blessings to all who have started school or have new journeys in their lives.

It's time for our ministries to start up again if they were not happening this summer. Men's Bible study, Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, Sonshine Friends, Women's activities and much more for all ages! Check out the newsletter, the bulletins and also our website. We also send out emails and post to social media.

Please let me know if you have any questions or other ways for you to be involved in our community.

If you are struggling, please remember there are many resources at St. Paul that can help you in your journey whether it be going well or in a season of struggles. There are many sisters and brothers in Christ who would be available to visit with you and share in your life happenings with you. My door is always open, I am easily emailed, and I am a cell phone call or text away!

Blessings as we move through the Fall Season!

Peace,

Pastor Janis

### St. Paul's German Supper

It's time for the German Supper! It is an important way for us to support Camp of the Cross Ministries.

**It will take place on Sunday, November 9th from 5:00-6:30pm.** Pastor Sloka is coordinating it. If you would like to help, please let him know. He will need folks to make some of the food. Volunteers are also needed to help set up; serve and cleanup. If you can't make it please consider making a donation. You can give it to us and we will pass it on to them.

### St. Paul Women!

*All women of St. Paul* are invited to help us make decisions & get new ideas, of things the women will do for our church and our youth on **September 14th after worship**. Some of the annual fundraisers we do, are a Dickens bake sale booth and a Spring Supper Raffle. We use the money to help with Camp of the Cross costs for families, Little Lunches and several benevolences in our community. We also support our quilting group, who supply quilts to many people here and abroad. **Please, all women join us for decision making and new ideas!**

### Quilters needed!

We need your help and you don't need to be a quilter!! Please join us on Monday afternoons at 1 P.M.

There are many different jobs to do. Do the ones you are most comfortable with. These include cutting rectangles; sewing; pinning the three layers together; sewing around the quilts; tying.

You do not have to be a professional quilt maker! We make simple quilts that are distributed in and around our community and abroad, to comfort people and keep them warm. One of the biggest benefits is the fellowship we have with each other!

Come when you can! Men are invited too!

Hope to see you Monday afternoons!



**Saturday, September 13**

**9:30-11:30AM**

**Garrison Auditorium**

**CCM's  
Scandinavian  
Supper**

**Saturday,  
November 22nd.**



# SEPTEMBER

# 2025

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | MONDAY                                                              | TUESDAY                                                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                       | THURSDAY                                                                         | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY                                                    |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>1</b><br><b>LABOR DAY</b><br><i>Office Closed</i>                | <b>2</b>                                                             | <b>3</b><br>9:30 Women's Circle<br>5:30 PM Social Action Com<br>6:00 Sweet Sounds <del>Prac.</del>                                                                              | <b>4</b><br>10:00 Community Bible Study @ Meadows                                | <b>5</b><br>Wedding Rehearsal   | <b>6</b><br>Maxwell/Rime Wedding                            |
| <b>7 "You Are Welcome Here"</b><br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>Bible Presentation, Sweet <del>Snds</del><br>10:00 Fellowship<br>10:00 Sunday School -1 <sup>st</sup> Day!!!<br>10:00 LYO Pancake Breakfast<br>WND Synod Rostered Leaders — | <b>8</b><br>1:00 Quilting                                           | <b>9</b><br>10:00 Women of Faith<br>Community Nights at the Hospital | <b>10</b><br>3PM Sonshine Friends-both groups<br>4:30 SF Family Orientation<br>6:30PM Confirmation (7 <sup>th</sup> )<br>7:15PM Confirmation (8 <sup>th</sup> )                 | <b>11</b><br>10:00 Community Bible Study @ the Meadows                           | <b>12</b><br>6:00PM Magic Group | <b>13</b><br>9:30-11:30AM<br>Mercy Meals at the Auditorium  |
| <b>14</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Fellowship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>10:00 LOL (6-8 <sup>th</sup> )<br>10:00 St. Paul Women's <del>Meeting</del><br>10:30AM 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation                                             | <b>15</b><br>1:00 Quilting<br><i>Items for October Calendar due</i> | <b>16</b><br>10:00 Women of Faith<br>10:00 FIRST Men's Bible Study   | <b>17</b><br>3PM Sonshine Friends (A)<br>6:30PM Confirmation (7 <sup>th</sup> )<br>7:15PM Confirmation (8 <sup>th</sup> )                                                       | <b>18</b><br>10:00 Community Bible Study<br>6:30 Church Council Crafting 10 A.M. | <b>19</b>                       | <b>20</b><br>6:00PM Magic Group<br>Crafting                 |
| <b>21</b><br>9:00 Worship with Communion<br>10:00 Fellowship<br>October Action Group<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>10:20 Choir Practice<br>2PM Stacy funeral                                                                                      | <b>22</b><br>1:00 Quilting                                          | <b>23</b><br>10:00 Men's Bible Study<br>10:00 Women of Faith         | <b>24</b><br>2PM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Chapel<br>3PM Sonshine Friends (B)<br>3PM BLC Chapel<br>6:30PM Confirmation (7 <sup>th</sup> )<br>7:15PM Confirmation (8 <sup>th</sup> ) | <b>25</b><br>10:00 Community Bible Study                                         | <b>26</b>                       | <b>27</b>                                                   |
| <b>28</b><br>9:00 Worship- Choir Sings<br>10:00 Fellowship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>10:20 Choir Practice<br>10:30AM 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation                                                                                       | <b>29</b><br>1:00 Quilting                                          | <b>30</b><br>10:00 Men's Bible Study<br>10:00 Women of Faith         |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                  |                                 | Office hours:<br>Mon.-Thurs.<br>9am-3pm<br>Fri.<br>9am-Noon |

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## September and October



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