

# St. Paul's Epistle

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Lutheran Church

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

On September 10th we will start our program year out with “*You Are Welcome Here*”! Sunday School will start, the youth will have a free-will spaghetti lunch, youth will help in worship, we present story Bibles to 4-year-olds and new students under third grade and we will celebrate our “Outreach Ministries”. *Invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you!*

### Spaghetti Dinner



The Lutheran Youth Organization of our congregation will be serving a spaghetti lunch on Sunday, September 10th after worship to raise money for our companion synod in the Central African Republic (CAR). The youth’s goal is to raise

\$1000, which would buy supplies for a school classroom. The lunch will start shortly after worship and will continue through noon, so that Sunday School students can be served. It will be a free-will donation for the meal.

We will also be inviting area First Responders to the meal to show our appreciation to them, and in memory of September 11th.

### New Members

**New members will be welcomed** into our church family on **Sunday, October 1st** during worship.

If you would like to find out more about St. Paul or join our family please see Pastor Sloka.

Please note! You don’t have to be a member to be a part of our ministries.



**Mark your calendars!**

**St. Paul German Supper is Sunday, October 1st**



**Sunday School Rally Day is September 10th**



**Confirmation Sunday is October 29th**



# Sunday School

Welcome back! Sunday School starts on September 10th, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 11:50 am.

We will be singing once a month in worship, giving you details on those dates as they approach. We will perform two plays during the year, one at Christmas and one on Palm Sunday.

Sunday School is open to any child going into Pre-K through

Grade 6. We will start in the Rainbow Room for music and split into three groups to watch a video lesson or story; or a game, experiment, or craft.

We are looking for **volunteers** to lead stations. You can pick the Sundays that work for you. If you are interested in leading a Sunday School station, a sign-up sheet is on a table in the narthex, or please contact Holly in the office.

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## **GATHER      GROW      GO**

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### Children & Youth Happenings

#### **Sonshine Friends: (Wed. After-School Program)**

Our theme for this year is “The 10 Commandments.”

We will continue separating into two groups; K-2nd Graders (Group A) and 3rd-6th Graders (Group B). Our first meeting is September 13th for BOTH groups to go over everything. September 20th will officially start our curriculum for Group A; September 27th will be for Group B. Our program runs from 3-4:30 p.m.

**SONSHINE CHOIR IS BACK!** Kids age K-6th who are interested in singing will meet Wednesdays from 4:30-5 pm following the same rotation as Sonshine Friends.

#### **LYO - LIVING OUT LOUD**

Youth Meet-up is September 17th for 6th-9th graders in the couch room after worship for visiting... we will talk about life happenings and discuss some tough questions we may have about our faith while enjoying

a snack/beverage from fellowship! We will try to meet twice a month most months.

*6-8th Grade Sunday Evening Youth Group* will be meeting this fall once a month from 6PM-7:30PM. Our first gathering will be September 17th.

#### **Additional Happenings to Note:**

#### **2023 LYO Gathering in Mandan**

9-12th Grade - October 19-20th

6-8th Grade - October 20-21st

Registration Forms due to Holly by  
Sept. 25

#### **Camp of the Cross Fall Youth Bashes**

4-6th & Grade 7-9th Grade - Super Bash!  
October 27-28th. Cost is \$50/student.

St. Paul will pay \$25/student towards cost.

Register your child at: [campofthecross.com](http://campofthecross.com)

**\*\* Confirmation Classes begin for 7th-9th graders Wed., September 13th.**

# Worship

## Sundays

**Scripture Readers** for September and October

**Acolytes** for September and October

**Fellowship Servers** are needed for the Fall! We are looking for people willing to serve coffee, juice and goodies on Sunday mornings after worship during fellowship time. Coffee and juice are provided. There is a sign-up sheet at the volunteer station in the narthex/gathering area. We ask one or two families to serve each week. You can make it as simple as you wish! Thanks!

## Choir Practices/Singing in worship

Practices in the Sanctuary start September 10th at 11:15AM. We will continue to practice September 24, October 1, 15, & 29. And in November and December. The Choir Festival is Dec. 10. Anyone who enjoys singing please join us in the choir loft! Lisa Haugen is our choir director.



# Women's Ministry

## Fall Women's Retreat at Camp of the Cross

Camp of the Cross Ministries invites women to their Women's Fall Retreat, September 22-24. Presenter will be Chris Aman from Inspired Life Wellness Clinic, Nicole Fehr leading us in Bible journaling, and Holly Uhlman leading us in worship and Bible Study.

This is a one-day program on September 23rd, with an additional overnight Fri. and/or Sat. nights. Registration will be at 8:40 a.m. on Saturday in the Fellowship Center. The Retreat begins at 9:00 a.m.

Registrations are between \$60 and \$100, depending on lodging options. Register at Camp of the Cross. 337-2246

[WWW.CAMPOFTHECROSS.COM](http://WWW.CAMPOFTHECROSS.COM)

## Quilting

Quilting continues at 1:00 p.m. on September 11, 18 & 25th in the Fellowship Hall. They will decide in October if they like this schedule. There are many kinds of jobs to work on! Men are also invited! All are welcome!

# Weekly Bible Studies

## Men's Tuesday morning Bible

**Study:** will continue on Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel. The study is looking at the upcoming Sunday readings.

## 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 - Malt Shoppe

Circle will meet on September 6th at 9:30 a.m. at the Malt Shoppe. Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast, bible study and a short meeting.

**Women of St. Paul** have two fundraisers each year that help to pay camperships for our youth that attend Camp of the Cross each summer. We have the Dicken's Bake Sale one weekend during the Dicken's Festival and we have a raffle that coincides with our annual Spring Supper. We would appreciate help and support with these events, helping us to continue to support our youth and help with the costs of camp.

## MOPS/MOMSNext

We are Lake Sakakawea MOPS/MOMSNext. Our community MOPS group meets on the first Monday of most months from September through May.

We minister to ALL moms, from expecting mothers all the way up to those planning for graduation! We meet at St Paul Lutheran Church from 6-8 p.m. Our theme for this year is "Say Yes!" We want to help you experience the joy and tackle the challenges of motherhood. Our first meeting will be on September 11th at 6 p.m. Child-care is provided. If you would like more information, please contact Holly Klemisch at 701-471-3848 or Loree Jeffers at 460-0924.





Greetings friends!

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. You are always in my prayers!

I'm excited for a second year of program ministry with you. I really feel spiritually fulfilled moving through the church year week by week with you. Thank you again for the confidence in calling me to be among you as your pastor.

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

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Church Council met August 3rd

Old Business: There was no old business

New Business:

- Approval of Pastor Sloka as a full administrator for Breeze. Jenny made the motion seconded by Dan to have Pastor Sloka become one of the administrators for the Breeze program. Motion Carried.
- James R. & Sylvia Stevens Foundation-Keith reported that the foundation was created through the North Dakota Community Foundation and would be run through them. It was created for use by St. Paul and the Garrison Community. Local people working with the foundation include Keith Thelen from our church, Sundi Lagge from Tru-Community Bank and Shannon Jeffers from the City Council. Grants will be available each year. Applications for grants are due on September 15th. Pastor Janis has submitted an application for the projector project.
- Concrete Patching- Shannon Jeffers would like to try different ways to repair areas in front of the church. The council agreed that this was a great idea and was appreciative of his help in finding solutions.
- CD<sup>4</sup> - Loree shared that she renewed the current scholarship CD for six months for 4.5 percent interest at TruCommunity bank.

We are trying to move our Live Stream on Sundays from Facebook to YouTube. But we need 50 subscribers. Please consider subscribing to our channel.

Don't forget that September 10<sup>th</sup> is our evangelism kick-off called, "You are welcome here!". We see this statement when we open our bulletin on Sunday's. It is a part of our website. It comes from our mission and the statement we pledge on Sundays. Please don't forget to share this beautiful ministry we have with others in the community and those who may not have a church home. Please consider inviting a friend, family member or neighbor to join us for worship and/or our programs.

Our stewardship committee has been busy praying and working through a program we joined through the Synod called "Stewardship for all Seasons". Please look for more information about how we are participating in this program.

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. 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!

## Financial Update

*January 1-August 15, 2023*

*Income \$127,859.98*

*Principal on loan (TCB) \$5,636.21*

*Expenses \$134,095.84*

*Difference \$ -11,872.07*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, August 31- Council

Sunday, September 17- Worship

Thursday, September 21 Council

## ACTION GROUPS

The October Action Group will meet on Sunday, September 17th

The November Action Group will meet on Sunday, October 22nd

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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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## German Supper

The German Supper is back! It will take place on Sunday, October 1st from 5PM-7PM. Pastor Sloka is coordinating it. If you would like to help, please let him know. We will need folks to make regular potato salad, warm German potato salad and German chocolate cake. Volunteers are also needed to help set up; serve and cleanup. If you can't make it please consider making a donation to CCM? You can give it to us and we will pass it on to them.

## Baked Potato Fundraiser

Join us Sunday, November 5th following worship for the Baked Potato Fundraiser supporting our youth. It is a free-will donation with proceeds going towards our youth activities.



## CCM Fall Clean Up Day

Sunday, September 24th 12:30PM—4:00PM.  
This is a family-friendly event. LYO youth are asked to help.

## St. Paul Fall Clean Up Day

October 8th after worship we are giving the church a deeper cleaning. We ask all able-bodied parishioners to take on a cleaning job for an hour or two to beautify our building and grounds at the church. The council will have a list of the projects to work on. Grab coffee and a cookie before you start. If you can't attend that day but are willing to help, please let us know and we can give you a task to complete on your own. Thanks for helping keep our church looking GOOD!

## Operation Christmas Child



St. Paul's will be filling Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes in October. We have shoe boxes, or you can use your own shoe box (it can be wrapped, as long as the lid can be opened. Ex: lid wrapped separately) or plastic shoe box size container. There will be directions and labels on a table in the Narthex. Please put the completed boxes on that table. There will also be a box for collecting donations for the suggested \$9/box postage. Please do not put the money in the shoe box. Return filled boxes or items for part of a box by Nov 5th.

## Brooke's Buddy Walk

Sunday, October 8th in the afternoon. Leaves from St. Paul's, takes 3 laps around Wilderness Park and ends back at the church for snacks and prizes for the walkers. The proceeds from the shirts and any free will offerings will go towards Brooke's medical expenses. Any questions call Chris,

## Snowbirds



Please let Holly Klemisch know when you are heading south so that she can change your mailing address for the winter. The church has to pay for every newsletter that is returned. We also need 200 newsletters to go out, to get the bulk rate. That's why most all of you get it mailed to you.  
Thanks!

## YouTube Channel



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