

St. Paul's Epistle

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

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Sunday worship August 7th will be at Camp of the Cross at 10:00 a.m., with a lunch to follow. St. Paul's is sponsoring the lunch this day. Please join us for worship even if you feel more comfortable driving in close and sitting in your car. Pastor Janis will be preaching at camp. There will be no service at St. Paul's. The service will be live streamed from camp.

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the LYO families who have served or will be serving **fellowship this summer**. Besides appreciating the “goodies”, we appreciate your help with this youth fundraiser.

Our **Vacation Bible School** was May 31st Through June 3rd. The theme was “Food Truck Party” There was a lot of planning and time that went into this special event. We want to thank all the planners, teachers, helpers, and supporters who volunteered their time and talents. You are appreciated!!



Sunday School Teachers Needed

We need volunteer teachers. The curriculum and setup will be ready to go... for the teacher to walk in and lead. Please contact Lisa Maki (701-500-0595), if you are willing to take a Sunday or two!!



First day of Sunday school will be September 11th, 2022. We will be starting at **11 a.m.** and ending at **11:45 a.m.** each week. More info. with specific details will come in the mail/email soon!



Greetings friends!

Summer is upon us! I hope that in the midst of the heat you are staying safe but also having fun. I was able to enjoy time with my family in Maryland and I thank you for that. It has been very refreshing to also have moisture this summer.

The staff, council, and I are looking forward to the fall and the rest of our ministries starting up again. Holly has added some additional youth group programs and Sunday School will be changing a bit, besides going back to 11AM after worship. I am planning the confirmation program and will have that beginning in September. I meet with the confirmation families in August.

One of the high lights of the fall is always the day that we kick off Sunday School and the youth have their spaghetti lunch. This is going to be Sunday, September 11th.

We are adding to September 11th an 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 web site. It comes from our mission and the statement we pledge on Sundays.

I am excited because "*You are welcome here!*" is now going to be on banners and printed in other ways for us to share this beautiful ministry we have with others in the community and those who may not have a church home.

Another part of "*You are welcome here*", is the addition of children's Bibles in the pews and supporting the need of upgrading our hearing assist devices. Please check out the narthex and how you can help us make these important additions happen.

The center of "*You are welcome here*" has been for visitors but now that we move forward with this campaign it will be for sharing our ministry in the community. Please consider inviting a friend, family member or neighbor to join us for worship on September 11th!

Please let me know if you have any questions or other ways for us 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 Pentecost Season!
Laura and I look forward to seeing you at our open house at the end of August.

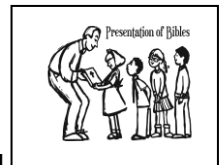
Peace,



Rev. Janis Sloka, III
Pastor

Presenting Bibles

We will be presenting Story Bibles to some of our young children during worship on Sunday, September 11th. Four-year-olds and new students younger than third grade who have not yet received a Story Bible will receive them that morning. Pastor Janis will send letters to these parents, but if you do not receive a letter and feel that your child should be receiving a Story Bible, please let us know. We do not want your child to be missed.



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Council met in June.

Pastor Sloka has begun visitations and home communion. He is reviewing confirmation curriculum and would like to celebrate an “All Are Welcome”, Sunday on September 11. The parsonage has been checked for radon. Pastor Janis will get estimates to repair this situation. Roof issues will be completed at the church. The Wedding Policy was updated, MSC. Discussion on updating the water fountain, an estimate and options will be looked at.

Financial Update

	June 2022
Offerings	\$ 10,028.21
Expenses	<u>\$ 18,520.33</u>
Difference	-\$ 8,492.12

	January 1-June 30, 2022
Offerings	\$ 79,396.76
Expenses	<u>\$ 91,325.50</u>
Difference	-\$11,928.74

MOPS

Our community MOPS group meets on the first Monday of most months from September through May. We are Lake Sakakawea MOPS/ MOMSNext. 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 “We Go Together.” This year is for the ones who are ready to come alive again. We want to help you experience the joy and tackle the challenges of motherhood. Our first meeting will be on September 12th at 6 p.m. Childcare is provided. If you would like more information, please contact Holly Klemisch at 701-471-3848 or Loree Jeffers at 463-2309.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church
Youth & Family Ministry's
Fall Schedule of Events/Activities



What's the 4-1-1 with Youth Events?

Pastor Janis & Holly Klemisch, FFD are excited to plan an amazing year of activities and opportunities to grow with God. We're making some changes and additions to our programming to help enhance the experience of Faith for our youth! Stay tuned for more to come...

What's First on the Agenda?

August 28th - Pastor Janis' Installation as our Pastor will happen in church. There will be an open house at the Parsonage from 1-3pm.

- Confirmation (7-10th Gr) Parent/Youth Meeting will be held at the Parsonage from 5-7pm that evening. Meeting @ 5pm w/ supper served at 6 and yard games until 7pm. (Please bring lawn chairs.)
- 9-12th Gr. LYO will come to the Parsonage for yard games and fellowship from 7-9pm that evening. (Please bring lawn chairs.)

Regularly Scheduled Events:

Sunday School (Pre-K to 6th Grade):

Programming will begin on Sunday, September 11th from 11-11:45am.

Sonshine Friends

(Wednesday After-School Program):

- K-2nd Graders (Group A) will begin Wednesday, September 7th from 3-4:30pm.
- 3rd-6th Graders (Group B) will begin Wednesday, September 14th from 3-4:30pm.



New Event to the Scene:

9-12th Grade Breakfast Club will be starting on Wednesday, September 14th @ 7:30am at Four Season's Restaurant. This will be a time for regular weekly fellowship before school.

(Meals will be your responsibility.)



Additional Happenings to Note:

2022 LYO Gathering in Minot

- 9-12th Grade - October 20-21st
- 6-8th Grade - October 21-22nd

Camp of the Cross Fall Youth Bashes

- 7-9th Grade - October 14-15th
- 4-6th Grade - October 28-29th



Messy Christmas (intergenerational event) November 30th from 12-3pm

Youth Happenings:

June:

-A very successful VBS – almost 60 students! Our mission to help raise money for GARC brought in over \$600!!! (Our goal was \$200).

-The LYO rummage sale was very successful. We raised \$3400 at the sale and \$438 at the lunch. Thanks to all who helped, donated, and bought! We needed you all!

-High School LYO went to Flathead Lake Bible Camp in Montana. We did many team building events and a service project at Lighthouse Christian Home. We helped mow, weed, move furniture and kitchen work. We also led worship and a bible study while we were at the home.



Amazing people and an amazing experience!

July:

-6-8 & 9-12 grade youth met for “nights at the ballpark”. Supporting the Titans.



Spaghetti Dinner

Our LYO will be serving a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, September 11th 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 dinner 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.

CIRCLE

Women's Circle will meet on August 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for a Bible study, short meeting and goodies.

Circle will meet on September 7th at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for a Bible study, meeting and we will have a *potluck brunch*. Bring one of your favorite foods 😊.



Fall Women's Retreat

Camp of the Cross Ministries invites women to their Women's Fall Retreat September 20th-21st. We will have more information at a later date and will post it on the bulletin board and put it in the bulletins.

Quilting

Quilting continues at 9:00 a.m. on August 16th and 17th; September 27th and 28th in the Fellowship Hall. There are many kinds of jobs to work on! Men are also invited! All are welcome! Bring your own lunch.



You are an original, one-of-a-kind, masterpiece
that makes you priceless!

EVANGELISM THEME: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

On September 11th 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 hand out story bibles to 4-year-olds and new students under third grade. We ask that you invite a neighbor or friend to come to worship with you!

All are welcome!

Missionary

Katie Narum Miyamoto, her two sons and her mother were here in July to share with us about her mission work in Japan. They are in the states for two months every two years (except during covid), travelling to congregations that support their work, vacationing and visiting family. We collected \$352 dollars to help her off set travel expenses while here.



Thank you, St. Paul, for supporting Katie.

St. Paul's Cemetery Fund:

is in need of funds to cover the mowing and upkeep on the cemetery this summer. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Please mark them for cemetery, they may be put in the offering plate, given to Loree, or mailed to the church.

Installation & Open House



Pastor Janis' Installation will be August 28 during worship. The Assistant to the Bishop, Sherie Heine will be with us for the service. Pastor Janis and Laura are inviting all to an open house at the parsonage that afternoon from 1-3 p.m.

Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study:

will begin again Tuesday, September 6th at 10:00 a.m.



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek **re**_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your _____ople, but **love** your **neig**_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

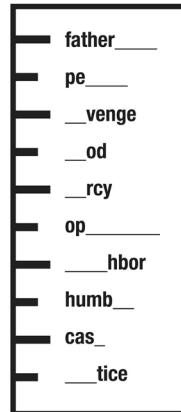
Learn to do **right**; seek jus_____. Defend the _____pressed. Take up the cause of **the** _____less; plead the _____e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go____. ...

To act **justly** and to **love** me _____ and **to** walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV



So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would _____ve them
d _____to you, for this s _____ms up the _____w and the Proph _____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV