

# St. Paul's Epistle

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## EVANGELISM KICKOFF: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

On September 11<sup>th</sup> 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. We ask that you invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you!

*All are welcome!*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Welcome back! Sunday School starts on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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 Sanctuary for music and split into two groups to watch a video lesson/story or a game/experiment/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 Lisa Maki at 701-500-0595.

## Fellowship Servers Needed for the Fall!

We are looking for people willing to serve coffee, juice and goodies on Sunday mornings after worship during fellowship time. The coffee and juice are provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. We ask one or two families to serve each week. You can make it as simple as you wish! Thanks!

## CIRCLE - Brunch

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

# LYO - LIVING OUT LOUD



## Regularly Scheduled Events:

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

Programming will begin on Sunday,  
September 11<sup>th</sup> from 11-11:50am.

Sonshine Friends:(Wednesday After-School Program)

- Our theme for this year is “Kid’s Travel Guide to the Parables of Jesus”
- K-2nd Graders (Group A) will begin Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30pm.
- 3rd-6th Graders (Group B) will begin Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30pm.



## New Events:

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

(Meals will be your responsibility.)

6-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday Evening Youth Group will be starting September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm meeting at the church. It will be every Sunday evening for those who can attend.

## Additional Happenings to Note:

2022 LYO Gathering in Minot

- 9-12th Grade - October 20-21<sup>st</sup>
- 6-8th Grade - October 21-22<sup>nd</sup>

***Registration Forms due to Holly by  
September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.***



Camp of the Cross Fall Youth Bashes

- 7-9th Grade - October 14-15<sup>th</sup>
- 4-6th Grade - October 28-29<sup>th</sup>

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

Messy Christmas (an intergenerational event) November 30<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm with lunch being served. Free-will offering.

## ***Youth Happenings:***

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be helping with worship on **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. The youth will be ushering, greeting, reading and praying. Please let Holly know in which way you want to serve! Our Sr. High Youth who attended the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Youth Trip in June will be giving the children's message discussing their trip!

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are also needed to help set-up, serve and clean-up the Spaghetti Dinner **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Darlene Ruud & Hedi Rime are organizing this event but please assist us, in helping the Central African Republic, with this fundraiser.

Living out Loud (LoL) Youth Meet-up **September 18<sup>th</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** graders in the couch room once a month 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! **9-12<sup>th</sup> Graders will meet September 25<sup>th</sup>** following worship. October dates for **6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade is October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup> for 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade.**

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Western North Dakota LYO Gathering will be in Minot **October 20-21**. It is only a one-night event this year. The Gathering is full of Worship, Games, Fun Songs, Break Out Sessions with important topics, Service Projects, Talent Show and More! The cost is \$25 for the youth, our youth account covers the other \$75. We want all to experience the gathering, so talk to Holly if you cannot cover the \$25. Please pick up Registration form from Holly and they are due **September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

A new change to the LYO Gathering this year is 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend a special session just for them. This is **October 21-22** in Minot. The cost is \$25 for the youth, our youth account covers the other \$75. We want all to experience the gathering, so talk to Holly if you cannot cover the \$25. Please pick up Registration form from Holly and they are due **September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Our 6-8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be having their Baked Potato Lunch fundraiser **October 30<sup>th</sup>** following worship. Lisa Maki, Sundi Lagge & Cindy Iglehart will be organizing this event, but we will need all 6-8<sup>th</sup> Graders to help set-up, serve and clean-up!

## 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.

*We will be inviting area First Responders to the meal at 12 noon, to show our appreciation to them, and in memory of 9/11.*

## German Supper

The German Supper is back! It will take place on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5PM-7PM. I am coordinating it. If you would like to help, please let me know. I 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janis".

Pastor Janis



## *Choir Practices/Singing in worship*

Practices on Sundays September 11, 25, October 2, 9 and 30, November 14, 21 and 28 at 11:15 a.m. Sing in worship on October 17 and November 21. Anyone who enjoys singing please join us in the choir loft!

Lisa Haugen is our choir director

**Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study:** will begin again Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** will continue at 10:00 a.m. on September 14, 21, October 12, & 26. The study is looking at the upcoming Sunday's Gospel lesson.



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 and also our website. We also send out emails and post to social media.

Don't forget that we are adding to September 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Did you check out the "*You are welcome here!*" banners? 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 on September 11<sup>th</sup>!

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! Laura and I look forward to seeing you at our open house this Sunday, the 28th.

Peace,

Rev. Janis Sloka, III  
Pastor

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Council met August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business: Radon work was completed at the parsonage and outlets installed in the garage. Wasps sprayed at the parsonage and church. Agreement with the United Church of Christ to pay \$500/month for Pastor Janis to be their Administrative Pastor.

New Business: Our Insurance Agent Bobbi Jo Krueger gave an update to the council on our insurance that covers the church and parsonage. Faith Formation Director hours were increased five hours per week for the next four months. Loree Jeffers asked if the church would have a problem with GAIA putting in a raised bed community garden on the corner of the lot coming into the church. The only concern was parking. She will take that back to GAIA.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 7 p.m.

### Financial Update

#### January 1-August 18, 2022

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Income                  | \$100,704.63         |
| Principal on loan (TCB) | \$ 4,921.14          |
| Expenses                | <u>\$107,714.62</u>  |
| Difference              | <b>\$ -11,931.13</b> |



### Church Cleaning Day

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 ordered 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 November 6<sup>th</sup>.*

**Snowbirds:** Please let Loree Jeffers know when you are heading south so that she can change your mailing address for the winter. It costs us \$0.67 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!



## Fall Women's Retreat

Camp of the Cross Ministries invites women to their Women's Fall Retreat, "Always", **September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Presenter will be Kelley Reuer. Kelley is a former pastor and worship leader. She loves to share her heart in song and word.

This is a one-day program with an additional overnight stay. Registration will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday in the Fellowship Center. The Retreat begins at 11:00 a.m. The overnight "extra" will end on Wednesday morning.

Registrations are between \$35 and \$75, depending on lodging options. Registration forms are available at St. Paul and also on-line. Camp of the Cross is requesting women to register by September 16<sup>th</sup>.

## QUILTING

Quilting continues at 9:00 a.m. on September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, and October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. There are many kinds of jobs to work on! Men are also invited! All are welcome! Bring your own lunch.



All Women of St. Paul – There will be a meeting of the *Women of St. Paul* at **11:00 AM** on Sunday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>** in the chapel. Please join us with your ideas and help us to make decisions on our continuing support of our church.

### **St. Paul Altar Guild**

The altar guild is in DIRE need of some helpers. There are two of us; one is 86 and the other 68. The work includes changing banners, paraments, putting out new candles, washing the altar/communion cloths when necessary, setting out flowers, baptism setup, and Advent/Easter setup. It is nice to have a person in charge of the duties for a month or two at a time. If you are interested in being a part of the Altar Guild please contact Marian Lehnerr at 463-2990 or let the church office know. There will be a meeting on *October 23* following church. Come and join us.

### Fellowship Committee –



There will be a meeting of the fellowship committee at 11:00 AM on Sunday, **October 16** in the little chapel. We'll discuss how to do fellowship, who will do fellowship, and other activities covered by the committee. Current members and anyone who might be interested in helping are invited to attend. Any questions, contact Marian Lehnerr, 463-2990.

### **MOPS/MOMSNext:**

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.





**New Member Orientation:** for anyone interested in becoming a member at St. Paul or in knowing more about who we are and what we do, there will be an orientation lunch on September 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please let Pr. Janis know if you will be joining us, so we will get enough food for everyone.

**New members** will be welcomed into our church family on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> during worship.

## **Messages:**

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church members,  
My family would like to thank the church for handling my dad's funeral (Clifford Dockter). Everything was done so nicely, and it really helped my family to get through that time. St. Paul Lutheran Church of Garrison has been my second church home over the years with my parents having been members since 1996. My immediate family's church home is Immanuel Lutheran Church of Eden Prairie, MN. We've been so grateful for the hospitality and warmth from the St. Paul congregation over the years, and the experiences with you will live on in our memories forever. We wish all of you the very best blessings from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our Father in Heaven, and the Holy Spirit here on Earth.

Peace to you all. John D. Dockter

**Bridal Shower:** Everyone is invited to a Bridal Shower for Katelyn Youngs on September 24 from 1-3 p.m. at St. Paul in the fellowship hall. They would love to have you bring your favorite recipe for Katelyn and Cole.

## **Brooke's Buddy Walk**

September 17 at 11:00 a.m. Leaves from St. Paul's, takes 3 laps around Wilderness Park and ends back at the church for a light lunch for the walkers. T-shirts for the day are available for \$20. Please order by August 31<sup>st</sup>, from Chris Seidler at 701-661-0109. The proceeds from the shirts and any free will offerings will go towards Brooke's medical expenses. Any questions call Chris.