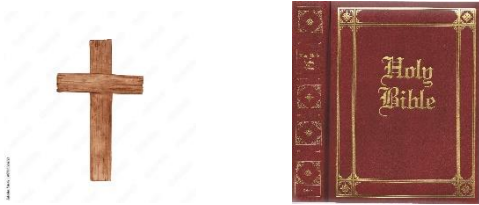


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***Message from the Pastor***



**The Bible Is the Word of Christ**

*[Jesus said], "These are the Scriptures that testify about me" (John 5:39b)*

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16a)*

All of us know that the Bible is called God's Word. The Bible is God's Word, not simply because it talks about God. It is God's Word because God himself breathed into the various prophets and apostles, giving them His words to write down. In the Bible we find God.

It is just as important for us to call the Bible "the Word of Christ." As Jesus pointed out to the Jews, the Scriptures that they referred to already spoke of the Christ, the Messiah. From Genesis through Malachi, the prophets wrote down God's promises of the Savior, told about people like Moses, Joshua and David who provided types of the Savior to come, and even wrote down the Messiah's own words (such as in Psalms 2, 22, and 110, and Isaiah 53 and 61).

When the Messiah (the Christ) appeared, he fulfilled those words and gave his apostles the Holy Spirit to write down his words. In that spirit the apostle Paul urged his readers in Colossae to let the Word of Christ "dwell" in them richly.

How do we get enriched in the Word of Christ? Many of you are doing that already by using *Meditations*, the daily devotion-book that you pick up free at church. Of course, we come to church on Sundays to hear the Word preached. A few of you are attending Bible Class; I encourage more of you to attend.

Another thing we can do to get enriched in the Word of Christ is to read it ourselves. Some of you are already doing this. But perhaps you've tried it in the past and found it a little tough going, or after a while just didn't find the time. Starting this September, I'll be using the daily devotions I write and email to help you get into reading the Bible, a couple of chapters or so at a time. Take about 10 minutes or so each day to read and make it a daily habit. In roughly 2 years we should have the Bible covered!

If we say, "I just don't think I have time for Bible reading," perhaps we need to reexamine our priorities. We seem to find time to watch our favorite TV program, sports, and news; we find time to view items on YouTube and Facebook. Let's remember that the Bible is not just any book; it is the Word of Christ. Let's be eager to hear it and read it so Christ can be a stronger part of our lives.

*--Pastor Timothy Blauert*

***Daily Devotions update***

Starting September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the daily devotions will feature:

- A section of Scripture to read that day;
- Some thoughts on a key verse in that section;
- Notes on that Scripture section to aid in your reading;
- A prayer or hymn verse to close.

September's readings will cover the book of Genesis. God bless your reading!

**Worship theme in September: Follow Christ**

Sep. 1 (15<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost): Follow Christ with obedience from the heart.

Sep. 8 (16<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost): Follow Christ—See Him at work.

Sep. 15 (17<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost): Follow Christ—Be armed against evil.

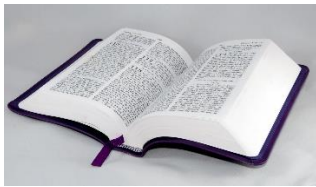
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Sep. 22 (18<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost): Follow Christ as a humble servant

Sep. 29 (19<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost): Follow Christ as cooperative, not competitive, servants

**LADIES' AID NEWS**

On Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's Ladies' Aid will host a salad luncheon at 6 p.m. Ladies from area WELS churches are being invited. All women of St. Paul's are welcome too! Please bring 2 or 3 inexpensive wrapped gifts for the dice game and a salad or appetizer to share.



**Bible Study**

***ESTHER—Queen and Instrument of God***

Time: 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, Sept. 15, 22, and 29. On September 1, the class will follow our fellowship hour. Don't know much about Esther? Here's your opportunity to learn more about her!



**Game Night: Mon., Sep. 16, 6:30 pm**  
Bring a snack to pass, a beverage and a game and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Bring a friend too!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School will resume classes on Sunday, September 8. Class time will be at our regular time between the church services, and following church and fellowship on the first Sunday of the month. Parents, be sure to have your children enrolled!

Confirmation Class will start on Wednesday, September 4. Classes will run from 1:45 to 3 p.m. like last year.

**ALTAR GUILD**

The altar guild sign-up sheet for 2024 is on the table in the fellowship hall. This is a great way to help with worship at St. Paul's. Please speak with Rose Vertein if you are interested and have questions. Thank you!

**Altar Flowers**



On the table in the fellowship hall, please sign up to bring altar flowers for a particular Sunday, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, in memory of a loved one, or just on your own. Please refer to the directions in the fellowship hall for caring for altar flowers.



**CARDS**

Mary Klemm is our Sunshine Lady for St. Paul's. If anyone is sick or needs a card of encouragement, please contact her.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Council members, please mark September 8<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting. We will meet between the church services at about 8:35 am.

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## *LWMS Update*

LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) is requesting pill bottles which will be sent to Malawi. They must have labels removed and be washed. Please see the bulletin board for information on the size of bottles needed. Any questions, speak to Linda Ennis. We'll collect them until the Fall Rally.

The next LWMS Fall Rally is at St. John's, Hillpoint on Saturday, Oct. 19. Registration is at 9:30 am. Speaker: Aaron Wakeman on the Friends Network.

### ***A Letter of Thanks...***

To the members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the grant that you gave to me for my education at Martin Luther College. The amount of \$1450 will be matched by Martin Luther College, bringing it to a total of \$2900 for this upcoming school year. This will be a huge help to me in paying off my schooling for my next year. You have not had me as a member for long, nor have I grown up in this church, but you all have shown so much love to me since I have lived here. This grant will help me to further my education so that I can pursue ministry work and serve people like you in schools and churches wherever God has decided to send me.

I pray that this church is blessed by all of you as you all continue to use your gifts and talents to serve the Lord, just as I am training to do. I promise that I will use this opportunity to further my ministry in the best way possible. Thank you all once again for making this possible.

God's blessings to all,

Faith Blauert

## ***WITH THE LORD***



On Wednesday, August 14, the Lord took the soul of long-time member Gary Meske home to heaven. The family is having a private graveside service for him at Oak Hill Cemetery on Aug. 25, with a memorial service for him some time next year. Please keep his family in your prayers.

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them” (Rev. 14:13).



***The flower bed*** by the bell tower will be converted to grass in late September or early October. If anyone is interested in any of the iris or plants, please speak with Mary Klemm or Elaine Shimniok to make arrangements to dig them up.

### ***OUR GIFTS to the LORD July 28—Aug. 18***

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun., July 28: 7:30 am	20	\$605
10 am	20	\$535
Sun., Aug. 4: 8:30 am	32	\$1,055
Sun., Aug. 11: 7:30 am	26	\$1,305
10 am	18	\$790
Sun., Aug. 18: 7:30 am	26	\$1,425
10 am	14	\$1,052

Average attendance: 8:30 am (combined), 32; 7:30 am, 24; 10 am, 17.

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## INFORMATION ABOUT ST. PAUL'S:

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**Church secretary:** Elaine Shimniok

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Pastor's cell phone: 507-279-8560.

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[tkblauert@outlook.com](mailto:tkblauert@outlook.com).

**Website address:** [www.stpaulslutheran-nf.org](http://www.stpaulslutheran-nf.org)

**Worship times:** Sundays 7:30 and 10 a.m.

First Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Communion, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Sunday School:** Sundays at 8:45 a.m., or after the service on the first Sunday of the month, starting September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Bible study:** Sundays at 8:45 a.m. or after the service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

## **Church Council**

President: Jim Dohner

Vice-president: Dave Zimmerman

Secretary: Paul Fuller

Treasurer: Mark Shimniok

Financial secretary: Jeremy Zimmerman

Head usher: Roy Schneider

## **Ladies' Aid**

President: Elaine Shimniok

Secretary: Lynn Zimmerman

Treasurer: Elaine Shimniok

Sunshine Lady: Mary Klemm

LWMS Reporter: Linda Ennis

## **Church organist**

Susan Grossenbacher

**Church Custodian** Vonnie Leifer

**Please remember our shut-in members with  
your prayers and visits**

Linda Faivre (at home)

Ellie Schultz

Please let Pastor know if you are sick, in the hospital, or are having any other difficulties. He'll be glad to visit and have a devotion and pray with you! Contact information for him is in the left column of this page.



## **Happy Anniversary to:**

James & Suzanne Dohner – September 2, 1972

Adam & Brook-Lynn Klaetsch – Sept. 7, 2013

Roy & Corisa Schneider – Sept. 8, 2018

Larry & Laurie Ahrensmeyer – Sept. 14, 1996

Larry & Linda Wiese – Sept. 15, 1990

Jerry & Vonnie Leifer – Sept. 17, 1977

Joshua & Brenda Zeman – Sept. 27, 2003



## **Happy Birthday to:**

Colson Zimmerman – September 2

Joe Gray – September 3

Alexis Zeman – September 4

Rose Vertein – September 5

Sarah Ahrensmeyer – September 6

Brayden McLaughlin – September 6

Brea Nehring – September 8

John McLaughlin – September 10

Sally Glorch – September 12

Linda Klaetsch – September 18

Casey Klungenmeyer – September 18

Delores Raddatz – September 18

Patricia Klemm – September 28

Julie Rathman – September 30