



St. Paul News

The Newsletter of
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2021

Back to Church Sunday 2021

Pastor Neil Wehmas

The last 18 plus months have been NUTTY. COVID-19 keeps rearing its head and restricting what we want and need to do. Sadly, Church has been one of those things. Sunday School and Wednesday-Cross Explorations has been limited. Youth group functions have been limited. LWML has been limited. Even worship itself at times has been limited.

September 18th-19th is an opportunity. An opportunity to join with other Christians around the nation to return to church, and to the gifts our God so dearly wants to give you.

Return if you've been absent due to the effects of COVID-19...

Return if you've been absent due to the craziness of the summer...

Return if you've been absent due to the craziness of life...

Return if you've been gone for two months...

Return if you've been gone for two decades (or somewhere in-between)...

Come to hear the wondrous news of Jesus Christ, even if you've never attended before.

Sunday School for our younger ages Preschool through 2nd grade will start again. "The Truth" Junior High (6th-8th grade) and Senior High (8th-12th Grade) will be starting up. On the night of September 19th, 6th-8th graders will gather together for the first night of "The Way" for the new school year.

What a great time to return to church. Follow the national crowd (so-to-speak). Invite friends, neighbors, family who for whatever reason may have not been in church for a while. Take the time to reconnect with one another. Take the time to listen God's word. Take the time to remember and hear about Jesus for you.

If you haven't received the Lord's Supper in a long time, taste of the Word made flesh, Jesus whose body is in the bread and his blood is in the wine. In this sacred feast you get a taste of heaven in the midst of this dreary world. Though hearts be shaking, and the earth be quaking, we shall not fear as Jesus is our treasure.

Hear, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Come back to church. Return to Church. Come to church for the first time. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.

Back to Church Sunday 2021, September 18th @6pm and September 19th @9am. Looking forward to seeing your faces on the weekend of September 18th-19th and beyond. Looking forward to sharing in the grace of God in all of you.

Hope Is Here

Hope is in Christ's Word

Hope is in the Water and the Word

Hope is in the Bread and in the Wine

Back to Church Weekend

Worship w/Communion

Saturday, September 18th @6pm

Sunday, September 19th @9am

Fellowship Hour

Sunday, September 19th @10:15am

Sunday School & Bible Class

Sunday, September 19th @10:30am

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for *ANY ITEMS* for in the **October Newsletter by September 15.**

Remember it's up to you or your family members to let the church office know if you are hospitalized.

CHURCH NEWS

OFFICIAL ACTS Funeral: Stewart Schuett, Leona McKenzie.

WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following people were appointed to vacant positions at the August Council meeting:

Terry Lovett – to the open 1 year term on Board of Elders.

Karen Petersen – to the open 1 year term on Board of Youth and Family Life.

Synda Jepsen – to the open 2 year term on the Board of youth and Family Life.

Darcy Sibenaller to the open 2 year term on the Board of Human Care.

FROM THE ELDERS *Brandon Johnson, Doyle Brown, Jeff Gilbert, Brent Harm, Aaron Hoffman, Terry Lovett*

St. Paul Lutheran Church Elders are here for you, and interested in your input or concerns.

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THANKSGIVING Yes it is only September. But the Elders have already made the decision that they will host our congregation's annual Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social. Thanksgiving Eve worship will be at 7:00 PM the the Pie Social will be in the fellowship Hall after the service.

FROM THE BOARD OF HUMAN CARE *Glenda Hausman, Darci Sibenaller*

PARISH NURSE The church now has a automated external defibrillator available. It is located in the narthex at the top of the stairs from the lower level. On Sunday, October 10 during the fellowship time Angie Frank will be here to demonstrate how to use the AED. The following is some information on why an AED is important to have and how you can be a part of saving a life by learning to use this very simple device. The following information is taken from the website: www.med.upenn.edu/myheartmap/aed.

AED stands for automated external defibrillator. An AED is a device used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart. Built-in computers assess the patient's heart rhythm, judge whether defibrillation is needed, and then administer a shock if needed. Audible and/or visual prompts guide the user through the process.

Sudden cardiac arrest is a major public health problem and affects an estimated 500,000 people every year. Sudden cardiac arrest can strike anyone, so it is extremely important to be prepared to respond quickly to sudden cardiac arrest. Having an accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED) used to quickly deliver a life-saving shock often means the difference between life and death. AEDs are important because they strengthen the Chain of Survival. They can restore a normal heart rhythm in victims of sudden cardiac arrest. New, portable AEDs enable more people to respond to a medical emergency that requires defibrillation. When a person suffers a sudden cardiac arrest, their chance of survival decreases by 7% to 10% for each minute that passes without defibrillation. AEDs save lives.

A microprocessor inside the defibrillator interprets (analyzes) the victim's heart rhythm through adhesive electrodes. The computer analyzes the heart rhythm and advises the operator whether a shock is needed. AEDs advise a shock only to ventricular fibrillation and fast ventricular tachycardia. The electric current is delivered through the victim's chest wall through adhesive electrode pads.

An AED can check a person's heart rhythm. It can recognize a rhythm that requires a shock. And it can advise the rescuer when a shock is needed. The AED uses voice prompts, lights and text messages to tell the rescuer the steps to take. AEDs are very accurate and easy to use. With training, anyone can learn to operate an AED safely.

Most AEDs are designed for use by non-medical personnel such as police, flight attendants, security guards, and other lay rescuers who have been properly trained. **Having more people in the community who can respond to a medical emergency by providing defibrillation will greatly increase sudden cardiac arrest survival rates.**



LIFE QUOTE “Gospel-motivated means we tell how Almighty God creates every human life as special, and that we treat them with that sanctity. It means we declare how He redeems every human life as precious, and that we demonstrate it to them. It means we proclaim how He calls every human life His own priceless treasure from fertilization to forever, and that we put it into practice.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



COMMUNITY BASKET Donations for **September: Laundry/Kitchen Items: detergent, bleach, sryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap.** Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. The **Mobile Pantry** will be at the **Odebolt Community Center on September 16th, from 4:30-5:30PM.**

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSIONS *Brad Zobel & Deb Clausen*

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Scripture is full of instances where God has used ordinary people like us to accomplish extraordinary things. He chose a stammering Moses to lead His people out of bondage, self-serving fishermen, James and John, to lead His Church and spread the Gospel, impulsive Peter’s confession upon which to build His Church, and Paul, who spoke of a thorn in his flesh, to be the first great missionary of the Christian Church. God uses imperfect people, those whom the world considers weak and flawed, to extend His kingdom. When we allow ourselves to be used by God in whatever way He chooses, He takes our meager talents and blesses them.



AS STEWARDS, we understand that we are not self-sufficient but dependent upon God’s grace to be faithful in our stewardship.

“From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another” (John 1:16).

VANCO MOBILE APP Thank you for your patience. We will soon be providing more information for you to be able to use VANCO Mobile App (free in your app store) to be able to electronically send your contribution directly to St. Paul Lutheran Church account. We hope that this feature will give you another option. We will have more information and updates soon, via our website, bulletin and newsletter. You are still welcome to mail in your contributions or contact your local bank to do online giving through them as well. If you are interested in this app, you can also contact the church office.

FROM SHARA OSIRO IN KENYA Updates from the Field: **WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST...**



A VISIT TO PROJECT 24 LENKISHON... Due to restrictions and lockdowns of the Coronavirus pandemic, I have not been able to travel as much. As restrictions eased, my colleague Britt Odemba and I could plan a visit to Project 24 site Lenkishon. It is the closest one to where we are in Nairobi. We wanted to take new photos and videos of the children and the site and to spend time with them and the staff. Being around the kids evokes such joy. The view from the main building looks out to beautiful mountains, and it sits nearby to a watering hole where cows and goats can be seen throughout the day. Britt and I received a warm welcome to the site. Some of the children were at the nearby school doing exam reviews, so we took a walk to visit them there. We were escorted by the others that remained at the site. It was a fun walk, as the kids asked questions and giggled when I took photos of them along the way. It was also nice to see the locals going about regular day-to-day activities of taking their livestock out to graze. At the school, we were greeted by the deputy principal and lots of smiles from the children. The walk back to the site took us past the Lutheran church where the kids worship. We were blessed to have the kids sing a few songs for us. Now it was down to the business of taking individual photos. The boys are always so serious and don’t usually like to smile. The girls on the other hand smile a bit more and without too much coaxing. Afterward, we shared a meal and talked more about how things are going with the site manager. We received positive update, and from our time with the children could see that they are doing well and are happy. We thank the Lord for that. **Prayers & Praise**

- *Pray for God’s strength and guidance as Michael and I serve in Africa.*
- *Pray for the children at the Project 24 sites and Karama Academy-Kibera.*
- *Prayers for safety and good health for all during this time of COVID.*

- Praise God for 12 years observing Him in Africa.
- Praise God for all of YOU and the love & support that you give to me and Michael.

Together In Christ...Shara & Michael

MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS Mission Central – LCMS World Mission



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Be sure to check the bulletin board in the hallway by upstairs Conference Room for information on Missionaries visiting Mission Central this month.

BACK-PACK BLESSINGS Please consider donating to “Backpack Blessings” which will supply the school kids with food items to help offset the at-home food insecurity in our local school system. We will be having a display and donation bin in the narthex and will also accept cash donations to purchase needed items.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES *Ross Ladwig, John Brinkman, Dennis Clausen, Dale Edsen*

Project Updates:

- Repairing Education building heating and air-conditioning.
- Installation of outdoor solar lighting outside north entrance doors.
- Redoing outdoor plants & shrubs

FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM / ASSIMILATION *Jen Hoffman & Kristy Gilbert*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS we will have coffee and treats in the fellowship hall immediately following the Sunday worship service. Please plan to join us for coffee, a sweet treat and great conversation. Everyone is welcome!

MAIN STREET LIVING IS A LUTHERAN TELEVISION PROGRAM that is endorsed by the Iowa West



District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The program receives no funding from the District, but is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the KCAU Viewing area. The program is broadcast on **KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM.** The first 30 minutes are remastered episodes of the popular “This is the Life” series that was very popular in the 70’s and 80’s. The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the station’s broadcast area.



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FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION *Jon Devitt & Robyn Devitt*

CONFIRMATION AND MIDWEEK CLASSES start on September 1st 5:45-6:45PM, for grades 3rd -8th
WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – The class meets from 9:30-10:30AM on Wed mornings in the Conference Room in the lower level.

NEW MEMBER CLASS currently meets on Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will start on Sunday, September 19th from 10:15-11:15AM, grades: 4 year old preschool – 12th grade

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS Pastor Salcido will resume leading the Adult Bible Class on Sunday, September 19th and we will resume our study of the book of Acts. Be sure to join us in the lower level Conference Room. 10:30-11:15AM

"THE TRUTH" BIBLE CLASS FOR 8TH-12TH GRADES will meet starting Sunday, September 19th from 10:15-11:15AM

"THE WAY" FOR 6TH -8TH GRADES will meet **Sunday, September 19th** from 5:00-7:00PM

"THE HIGHWAY" FOR 8TH -12TH GRADES will meet **Sunday, September 26TH** from 5:00-7:00PM

THEOLOGY AT SUBWAY starting **Thursday, September 2** from 6:00-7:00PM

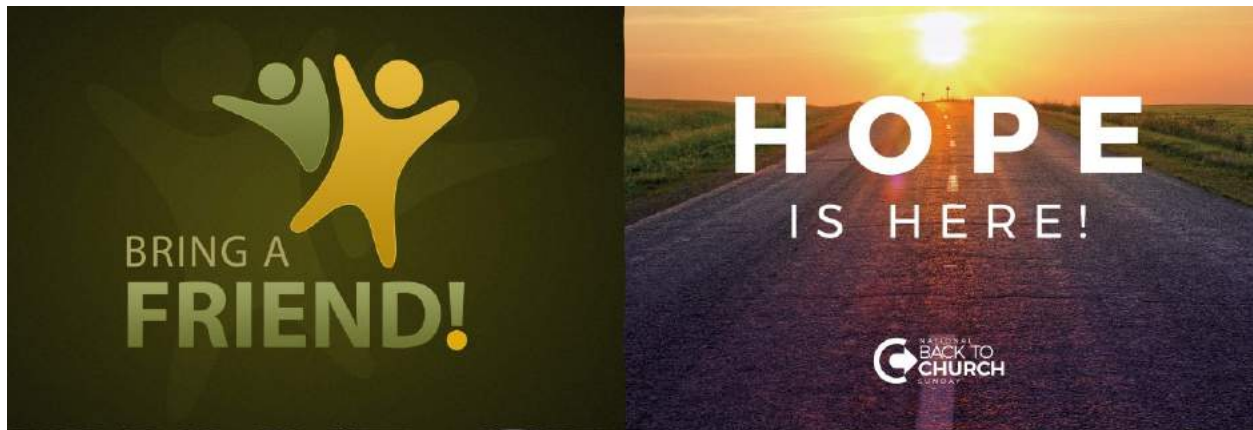
FROM THE BOARD OF YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE *Karen Petersen and Synda Jepsen*



Outdoor Worship Service
Potluck Picnic
(Burgers/Hot Dogs/Lemonade Provided)



The 3rd and 4th Graders will receive their Bibles during this service



Weekend of September 19th
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New Schedule for Fall 2021

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Sunday School Preschool-12th Grade

Sunday school will be held starting ***September 19***, 10:15-11:15AM. Join us for Bible stories, crafts, music and snacks.

Midweek Cross Explorations 3rd -8th Grade

Midweek Classes will be held on Wednesdays starting ***September 1***, 5:45-6:45PM. Join us as we continue our study of the Bible and Luther's Catechism.

If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Devitt 712-369-0978 or call the church office 712-364-2918

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SEE YOU AT THE POLE

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GET SERIOUS, REALLY SERIOUS. GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES BEFORE THE MASTER; IT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL GET ON YOUR FEET.



Upcoming Events

Cross Explorations/Confirmation
STARTS: September 1st @5:45p

"The Truth" Bible Class
STARTS: September 19th @10:30a

"The Way"--Sunday, September 19
"The HighWay"--Sunday, September 26

See You at the Pole
Wednesday, September 22nd @8:10a



REGISTER DEADLINE:
September 24th
\$100 Deposit

REGISTER DEADLINE:
September 22nd
\$80 Deposit



The Highway (8th-12th Grade)

Sunday, September 26th
From 5:00-7:00pm



"The Truth" Sunday Bible Study

Starts Sunday, September 19th
Every Sunday from 10:15-11:15



The Way (6th-8th Grade)

Sunday, September 19th
From 5:00-7:00pm



SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Services on Sunday: Live Streamed Facebook parking lot tune into 97.1 2:00PM local cable channel			1 7:00AM Bible Study@Zimmys 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 3rd -8th grades 7:00PM New Member Class	2 Theology at Subway 6:00PM	3	4 Worship Service w/Communion 6:00PM
<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 5 9:00AM Worship w/Communion 10:15 Fellowship & Coffee 10:30AM Adult Bible Study	6 Labor Day Church Office Closed	7 Elders 7:00PM	8 7:00AM Bible Study@Zimmys 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 3rd -8th grades 7:00PM New Member Class	9 Golden Horizons 2:00PM Theology at Subway 6:00PM	10	11 <i>Patriot Day</i> Worship Service 6:00PM
<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 12 9:00AM RALLY DAY WORSHIP AT MOOREHEAD PARK 3rd & 4th graders receive Bibles at Worship Service Picnic after Worship – meat provided bring dish to share	13	14 Church Council 7:00PM	15 7:00AM Bible Study@Zimmys 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 3rd -8th grades 7:00PM New Member Class	16 Willowdale 2:00PM Theology at Subway 6:00PM	17	18 Worship Service w/Communion 6:00PM
<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 19 9:00AM Worship w/Communion 10:15 Fellowship & Coffee 10:15-11:15AM Sunday School Begins! 10:30-11:15AM Adult Bible Study 5-7PM “The Way” 6th -8th	20 MCC 10:30AM LWML Bible Study Leaders 4:00PM	21	22 <i>Autumn begins</i> 7:00AM Bible Study@Zimmys 8:10AM See You at the Pole (OABCIG high school) 9:30AM Bible Study 2:30PM MCC 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 3rd -8th grades 7:00PM New Member Class	23 Theology at Subway 6:00PM	24	25 Worship Service 6:00PM
<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 26 9:00AM Worship 10:15 Fellowship & Coffee 10:15-11:15AM Sunday School 10:30-11:15AM Adult Bible Study 5:00-7:00PM “The Highway” 8th-12th	27	28	29 7:00AM Bible Study@Zimmys 9:30AM Bible Study 5:45-6:45PM Midweek 3rd -8th grades	30 Theology at Subway 6:00PM		