



**AUGUST**

## **St. Paul News**

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**2024**

Who am I, as the New School Year starts?

The first day of school is rapidly approaching. Who are you? Children will enter a new grade, teachers will have new students. It will be a new adventure for each parent. Who are you?

Some parents **appear** to have it all together, but you are barely holding it together. Who are you? Your son is struggling with their classes. Who is he? Your daughter had her long-term relationship end bitterly. Who is she? She fights with her friends, and a friendship since kindergarten comes to an end. Who is she? The young boy isn't as good at football as others, he will never see the field. Who is he?

Your college student, child, is going off to school for the first time. They used to be the smart kid, now they find that not true. They used to be the popular one, not anymore. They are away from home, they are away from you, their parents. Who are they now? No one knows their family name. Who are they?

Parents, as your house becomes an empty nest. You no longer have to run from activity to activity. Spending time preparing meals for one another. Who are you?

High school and even college is a distant memory for many of you. Your spouse or siblings or parents have passed on. Who are you? Who are you when your are no longer working at your job that took up so much of your time?

The them of the Higher Things Youth Conference in Clarksville, Arkansas, was "Who am I?". Our high school youth explored the very questions we explore here. Who am I?

Answer: you are created by God, and are of incredible value. As is every person you encounter. Never doubt your value, and never diminish the value of another. In your baptism, you were made a child of God. Jesus showed his love for you, in that he died for you on the cross. He showered the blessings of his death and resurrection upon you in your baptism. You are a child of God, and an heir of the most high.

Who are you? You are created by God the Father, redeemed by His Son, Jesus Christ, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. You are child of God. You are a Christian, and disciple of Jesus Christ. None of the changes craziness of the world can change that. Take comfort and rejoice in this beautiful truth. God's blessings to all through this year.

In Christ,  
Pastor Neil Wehmas



# THIS MONTH USHERS

For the month of August  
Ranea & Bethany Rehse

Please continue to keep all communities of Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Nebraska who experienced devastating flooding and are trying to recover, re-open businesses, repair homes, repair schools (making makeshift classrooms) and the farmers who lost crops. We also keep the communities of Minden and Greenfield, Iowa in our prayers as they still recover from devastating tornados.



**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for for August: Baking items: flour, sugar, cake mixes, frosting, baking soda/powder, brown sugar.** place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. **Mobile Food Pantry: Arthur Community Center on Thursday, August 15 from 4:30-5:30PM.**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** will be Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> during both 9:00AM and 5:00PM Services.



**PARENT & YOUTH INFORMATIONAL MEETING** regarding the **National Youth Gathering in 2025**, informational meeting will be on **Sunday, August 25 at 10:15AM**

**PARENT & YOUTH MEETING** for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism on **Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00PM**

**HYMN SING SUNDAYS** "Every second Sunday of the month, we will sing some of your favorite hymns. Put your choices for hymns to sing in the white box in the Narthex, and they will be used as part of the worship services during the second Sunday of the month."

**ASK THE PASTOR – LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH** "Have questions to ask Pastor Wehmas? He will attempt to answer a few questions as part of the services, during the last Sunday of the month. Submit your questions in the white box in the Narthex."

**MISSION CENTRAL - Make plans to attend !**  
**Saturday, August 3**

Barbara Rebentisch, at 1:00 PM will tell us about her work in Taiwan.  
Tom Park, at 1:30 PM will tell us about his work in Taiwan

**Saturday, August 10** Justin Logston & family from Belize at 1:00PM

**Saturday, August 17** Rev. Charles St. Onge & family from Montreal, Canada at 1:00PM

**Saturday, August 31** Ashley Lehr, from Puerto Rico at 1:00PM

Tirzah Krey from Dominican Republic & Latin America at 1:00PM





**UPDATING INFORMATION:** we always ask to update our records with any new addresses, even if its been within 6 months – year, any changes in phone numbers, etc.to make sure we have all correct information of birthdates and anniversaries. Also if you would not like your birthday or anniversary publicized in the weekly bulletin or the monthly newsletter please let the church office know. [stpaulidagrove@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulidagrove@gmail.com) or 712-364-2918

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AND CALENDAR** are always available to be picked up at the church in the narthex. If you would like to view online our website is [www.stpaulig.org](http://www.stpaulig.org) If you would like it emailed to you please contact the church office, email us or fill out the “update our information form” Copies of the form to update information is available on the Welcome center and can be placed in the wooden offering box

**HOSPITALIZATION REMINDER :** if you are admitted to any hospital please let us know or have a family member or a friend let Pastor Neil or the church office know, so we know you are there to visit, or would just want prayers from Pastor.



**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS GROUP** – as you will see by the monthly calendar that the Narcotics anonymous group meets here twice a week. Thursday’s at 6:00PM and Sunday’s at 7:30PM. This group was started with the approval and encouragement of the County Attorney and Sheriff Wade Harriman, they have now been meeting here for 2 years. We are the only location in Ida County for this type of meeting. If you are in need of this type of meeting or know someone who does, the meeting time and days are listed on the monthly calendar and also you can contact the church office for further information or contact info. They meet in the Conference room area downstairs but if you are having a meeting or a Bible Study please let the church office know and we will pass along to them and they will move their meeting to another location of the church to accommodate your meeting, or you there is the fellowship hall or upstairs conference room to accommodate your meeting or Bible Study as well. We ask you to keep this group in your prayers.



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August 2 Spencer Hasbrouck  
Lodean Korner

August 4 Lois Jensen

August 5 Eric Brosius  
Kyle Groves  
Jason Ullrich

August 8 Dennis Clausen  
Zane Reitz

August 9 Blake Corbin  
Blake Petersen

August 10 Marsha Kjar

August 12 Roger Frank  
Pam Steuk

August 13 Oscar Johnson  
Aiden Miller

August 14 Dean Renfro

August 15 Kris Krager  
Carl Toben

August 16 Nik Brimeyer  
Jen (Aaron) Hoffman  
Sarah (Petersen) Nichols

August 17 Shayne Hinkeldey  
Keith Krager

August 18 Dan Hoffman  
Jason Petersen

August 19 JoAnn Hoefler  
Cherish Miesner

August 20 Marilyn Skaren

August 21 Cole Wellendorf  
Dana Wessel

August 22 Marcia Cates  
Kris Ernzen  
Jo Palmer

August 23 Scott Ausborn

August 24 Ryan Brookbank  
Marelle Knudsen  
Zach Montgomery

August 25 Ed Nelson  
Bethany Rehse  
Susan Streck

August 26 Kaydee Frank

August 27 Marilyn Dausel  
Kiera Ladwig  
Pastor Neil Wehmas

August 29 Kelly Hoffman

August 30 Karen Salmon

August 7 Dennis & Sandy Sykes

August 9 Dean & Karen Hammer

August 10 Brandon & Tracy Johnson

August 15 Paul & Marcia Cates

August 16 Butch & Kandi Ehrig

August 19 Adam & Jennifer Larsen  
Tim & Tina Madsen  
Chris & Jamie Miller-West

August 22 Justin & Angela Frank

August 25 Sean & Teri Benner  
Dan & Marilyn Dose  
Jeremiah & April Reitz

August 26 Clinton & Jennifer Bieret

August 29 Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey

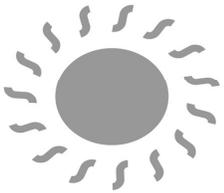
# PUZZLE



## BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

*Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.*



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How many are your works, LORD!  
 In wisdom you made them \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_;  
 the earth is full of your creatures.  
 There is the \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_, vast and spacious,  
 teeming with \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ beyond number —  
 living things both large and small.

*Psalm 104:24-25, NIV*