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St. Paul News

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Endure: 2025-26 School Year **Pastor Neil Wehmas**

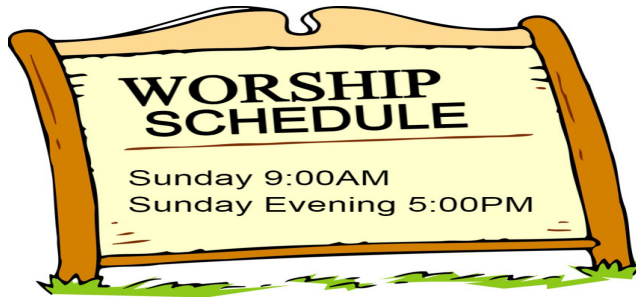
As I write this, the LCMS Youth Gathering is fresh on my mind. What a wonderful trip for our youth. The theme was “Endure”. How wonderful and timely of a topic! Many of us had some enduring moments getting to and from New Orleans. Our van got recalled and had to travel with two vehicles. An impending, possible tropical storm held back a couple of attendees. Others had difficulties with flights, buses, and cars. One individual came down with appendicitis while we were there. Add that, 20 years since Katrina, the recent floods especially in Texas, the fires in LA less than a year ago, tornadoes around the country, “Endure”, how timely.

On Monday, August 25th, the bells will ring and school will be in session. What will the year bring? What subjects will challenge each student? Perhaps it will be preparing a paper or speech or getting ready for a test that will be difficult. Home life may at times challenge. A loved one becomes sick or dies. Parents marriage crumbles before their eyes. A parent struggles with an addiction. Fellow classmates are less than kind, and are downright cruel in their scathing words.

Depression, anxiety, and loneliness flows through the classrooms. Parents struggle to keep up with their kids busy lives. Parents have struggles at work. Some will struggle with an empty nest for the first time. Some will struggle with medical results, their body not working like it did when they were in their 20s, let alone as a teenager.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to JESUS, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”
(Hebrews 12:1-3)

Join us on Sunday, August 24th, for our annual blessing of the backpacks. Listen to our Youth Gathering attendees tell you of their experiences at the gathering. Come to our schools as we “Inspire Our Schools” with prayer. Let us start this year right. That we may indeed endure properly, with Jesus as our focus and foundation. Let us set our eyes on him, for in Jesus we endure together.
In Jesus’ Name. Amen.



9:00AM Worship :
Acolytes are listed on the calendar
5:00PM Worship:

COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT we have added Holy Communion on 5th Sundays

About our Communion Practice

To our visitors and guests: In accordance with the apostolic command and in unity with the unbroken practice of the Church, St. Paul Lutheran practices Closed Communion. If you are not a member of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we kindly ask you to refrain from communing. We do so not to offend you, but because the Scriptures clearly teach that those communing together be unified in their confession of the Faith. In this Sacrament we are not only joined to Christ our Head who is present in His body and blood but are also knit together with one another as His Body, in which there should be no division of belief. Should you have questions or concerns about this Biblical and historic doctrine, please speak with our pastor. If this is your first time communing at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with our pastor before the service. If certain factors prohibit you from partaking in regular wine, a non-alcoholic option is available in the center circle of each tray. **If not communing but desiring to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when Pastor approaches.**

“ASK THE PASTOR” submit your questions for Pastor to answer for August, we will take a break after August, so get your questions in! See box on black table in the narthex by Sanctuary glass windows, to submit your questions.

HYMN SING SUNDAYS, there is a white box on the table in the Narthex for you to put in your hymn suggestions for Hymn Sing Sundays.



COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR AUGUST: Baking items: flour, cane sugar, cake mixes, frosting, baking soda/powder, brown sugar, etc.. Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. Any 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 ****They can always use toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups. Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Arthur Community Center on Thursday, August 21 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

“THE WHOLE STORY” reading the Bible in a year for 2025 – get your monthly calendar for daily readings, **August Reading Calendar available on the Welcome Center.** Also if you are wanting or needing previous months reading Calendar they are on the Welcome Center in the RED FOLDER.

We are over half way through our year! Keep with it and if you get behind there are calendars available or as Pastor Neil said just continue on from TODAY.

The Whole Story is our Congregation as a group reading the Bible in a year.

Suggested Apps below if that is how you like to read **the daily Bible readings** and included in this newsletter, on the back of the August Calendar and a print out of the month of August daily readings will be on the Welcome Center



When you post on your personal Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat Use the #thewholestory25 and #stpaulidagrove



FLAT JESUS We encourage everyone (all ages) to take a Flat Jesus and carry Flat Jesus with you, keep him in your pocket, car, or at work, etc.. We also encourage you to share Flat Jesus with someone you know, grand kids, other adults. We also encourage you to have Flat Jesus with you as you read through the Bible.

Take him with you any time you're out having lunch, dinner, driving, etc..If you would like to take a picture of him by your Bible, Tablet, computer or at your lunch table, dinner table, or car, etc..Send in your pictures we would love to post them or share them on the screens, with our announcement slides stpaulidagrove@gmail.com

WHEN ON VACATION.....

When on vacation, be with us in spirit.

The rest of the summer, be with us in person.



PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS
OABCIG HIGH SCHOOL
OABCIG MIDDLE SCHOOL
IDA GROVE ELEMENTARY

INSPIRE
Our
Schools

A non-denominational Christian gathering
of prayer & blessing over our schools.

Join Us!
SUNDAY | AUG. 24, 2025 | 6:30 P.M.
Visit www.InspireOurSchools.org
for a list of participating schools.

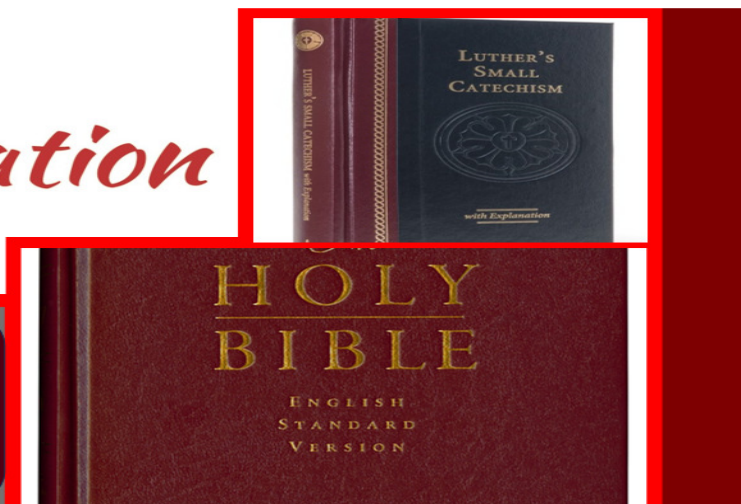
www.InspireOurSchools.org
ContactUs@InspireOurSchools.org

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While the participating districts have given their consent for this event, it is not a district event, nor is it in any way endorsed or sponsored by the districts involved.



Parent-Youth Orientation
Preparation for Confirmation (7th-8th Grade)
Wednesday, August 27 @6pm



MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS!

Saturday, August 2 at 1:00PM Rev. Tyler McMiller & Family, Italy
Monday, August 11 at 1:00PM John Wolf & Family, East Africa
Saturday, September 20 at 1:00PM Sandra Rhein, Asia
Saturday, September 27 at 1:00PM Rev. Steven Mahlburg & Family, Sri Lanka

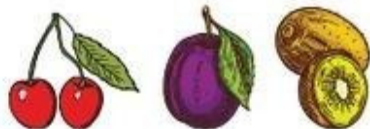
SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS join us in the Conference Room starting at 10:15AM

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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 or 712-364-2918

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.

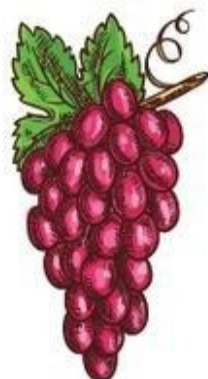
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