



St. Paul News

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Labor Day, How do We Celebrate as Christians?

The last Monday of May is Memorial Day. People get excited for a three-day weekend. It marks the unofficial start of the summer. There are many festivities. The first Monday of September is another three-day weekend. It marks the unofficial end of summer. Its day is called "Labor Day".

Yet, there are no festivities. There are no celebrations. So, what do we do with this day? Especially as Christians, how do we celebrate this day?

Answer: Thank people for the work they do. You may have to carry this over into Tuesday. But thank people for the work that God has called them to do. Thank the person behind the register at Cenex or Casey's. Thank them for being there so you can grab doughnuts, a cup of coffee, a slice of pizza, or whatever pick me up you needed that day.

Thank people who work at the hospitals and the clinics. Thank people who work construction, so we can live in houses, worship in churches, drive on roads. Thank those who work in the assembly lines, so we can have cars, tractors, computers, and so much more. Thank farmers who in the sweltering Iowa summer days, and in the blistering cold work so that we may have food upon our tables.

Thank a teacher or school administrator or anyone that works in the schools in any capacity. From the custodial staff to the secretary to cafeteria workers to bus drivers and everyone else. Say thank you. Thank firefighters, thank law enforcement, thank EMS. Thank plumbers and electricians and those who work in sanitation. Thank management and bosses and even CEOs. Thank everyone.

And pray for them. Pray for every vocation. Give thanks to God for every vocation. There are so many that I have not listed. But pray for everyone. Finally, give glory to God in the vocation that you yourself serve. Give thanks that you have a job. Give thanks that you are able to have income. Pray that God would lead you can guide you to serve your best, even if you don't much care for the job. If you long for something else, pray that God leads you to something new. But pray also that he leads you to endure put your best foot forward in all that you do.

Labor Day as Christian is a day to give thanks for everyone in all vocations. It forces us to pause and not devalue people as having no importance or too much importance. It forces us to see the way that God works through every single human being to provide us with many gifts. It forces us to be mindful of the works that he has given us to do to serve his creation.

So, may we ever give God glory in all that we do.

In Jesus' Name,

~Pastor Neil Wehmas



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.**

St. Paul Lutheran Church Elder Member Care

Elder	Household Name Begins with
Jon Devitt	Aa - Er
Keith Krager	Es - Iz
Charlie Bell	Ja - Lor
Brent Harm	Los - Ree
Brandon Johnson	Ref - Tar
Greg Steenbock	Tas - Zz

If you have any questions or help with contacting, contact Pastor Wehmas or Diane at the church office. Phone numbers and emails will be added to this listing and published at the Church, for privacy reasons, when published online.

Rally Day
September 14th

Sunday School

September 14th at 10:15am

Class from 10:15-11:15am

Children ages 4 yr old Preschool-12th grade welcome

6th-8th - Middle School Youth Room

9th-12th - High School Youth Room



Cross Explorations starts Wednesday, September 3rd
at 4:00-5:15pm for 6th/7th/8th grades
and 4:00-5:00pm for 3rd-5th grade



BOARD OF EDUCATION is looking for / in need of the positions:



A teacher / leader for the middle school 6th -8th
for Sunday School 10:15-11:15AM.

Also can do team teaching, where you take turns.
Please let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know if
you are interested in helping.

Superintendent for Wednesday, Cross Explorations from 4:00-5:00/5:15PM, if possible on
Early Out days which will be right after school at 1:30-2:30PM.

Substitute Teachers for Wednesday, Cross Explorations and also Sunday School

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, if interested and indicate what you are interested
in and your phone number OR let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know.



The HighWay Sr High Youth (9th-12th)
Will meet Sept. 3 at 7:00PM @the Parsonage



The MidWay Jr High Youth (6th-8th)
Will meet Sept. 10th from 5:15-6:15PM

JR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING (6TH -8TH GRADES) REGISTRATION DEADLINE is September 10th, all paperwork needs to be to Pastor Neil by that date.



MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, September 20 at 9:30AM Rev. James & Christel Neuendorf, Puerto Rico
1:00PM Sandra Rhein, Asia

Saturday, September 27 at 1:00PM Rev. Steven Mahlburg & Family, Sri Lanka

Saturday, November 22 at 1:00PM Rev. Matthew Wood & family, Indonesia

WE WANT YOUR HELP !! TO THE FORMER MEMBERS OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH – GRANT TOWNSHIP In an effort to preserve the history of Trinity, a group of former members is seeking information/pictures about the church. The information will be cataloged and kept in a file at Immanuel in Schleswig. For more information, contact Immanuel at 676-2235 or these former members: Sandra Aldag Voss, Janice Grell Jepsen, Jerry Ernst or Larry Abbe. Thank you for helping us preserve this precious history of Trinity, Grant Township.



COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: Laundry Items: detergent, beach, dryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap, 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 Battle Creek Fire Station on Thursday, September 18 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, **September 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 !

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. We also encourage you to share Flat Jesus with someone you know, grand kids, other adults. 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 stpaulidagrove@gmail.com

SOME OF YOUR OPTIONS FOR BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets at 7:00AM Jimmy's

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets from **9:30-10:30AM** in the Conference Room in the lower level.

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

LWML LADIES BIBLE STUDY SEPTEMBER



RUTH (2) will meet on September 4 at Zimmy's at noon and meet at the church for Bible Study at 1:00PM. Susan will be BSL. We had 7 present for our August meeting.

LOIS (3) will meet on September 4 in the Conference Room at 1:30PM. Lois will be hostess and Mary will be BSL. We had 9 present at our August meeting.

EUNICE (10) will meet on September 4 at Willowdale Nursing Home, Battle Creek at 2:30PM. Karen will be hostess and Corliss will be BSL. We had 8 present at our August meeting.

JOHANNA(12) will meet on September 4 at 7:00PM, at the church, Karen will be hostess, Ann will be BSL. We had 5 present at our August meeting.

LWML BIBLE STUDY LEADER'S MEETING on Tuesday, September 16 at 1:00PM

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LWML – Iowa District West Fall Retreat at Mission Central

“The Spirit’s Harmony: Singing God’s Praises” Ephesians 5:18-21

“...but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart...”

Date & Time: Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:30 am—Registration

9:00 am — 2:00 pm—Retreat

Location: Mission Central, Mapleton, IA

Speaker: Deaconess Sandra Rhein, *Missionary to Asia, Music Educator*

Activities: Bible Study, Singing, Prayer, & Fellowship

Servant Event: Crafts made for Perry Lutheran Home

In-Gathering Items: IOWAY, Orphan Grain Train, Mission Central, & Perry Lutheran Home*

Registrations information and form available at the church on the narrow table in the Narthex

Cost is \$15 which includes lunch & registration deadline is September 10th



September 1 Kurt Rehse
September 2 Becky Miller
Alayna Swanger
Amber Wilcox
September 3 Karen Bumann
Sheryl Goodman
September 4 Corlys Boysen
Leila Prell
September 6 Theo Conover
September 7 Chloe Jamison
September 8 Ember Arbegast
Clayton Ernst
September 9 Amy Godbersen
September 10 Rod Jensen
Karen Lichtenberg
Dale Ullrich
Gailen Wessel
September 11 Darrell Bennigsdorf
John Brookbank
September 12 Haley Johnson
Avery Schable
September 14 Mike Bieret
Kristy Gilbert
Connie Jordan
September 17 Curtis Marth
Lilly Johannsen

September 19 Jaclyn Bogue
Angela Frank
Ginger Wych

September 20 Christopher DeVine
Dustin Schiernbeck

September 22 Zander Devitt
Dan Dose
Trenton Gilbert
Kelton Ladwig
Chris Ritsch

September 23 Kinze Bieret

September 25 Justin Frank
Erin Marth
Marge Senhen

September 26 Carter Montgomery

September 27 Betty Hanson
Judy Lichtenberg
Kylee Mrozek
Lyle Schumann

September 28 Deb Clausen
Kendra Corbin
Roger Frank

September 29 Evan Hoffman
Alysia Marken
Larry Paulsen



September 4 Ed & Janice Nelson
September 8 Scott & Melissa Ausborn
September 9 David & Karen Petersen
September 12 Kendall & Nancy Schoen
September 19 Nik & Madelyne Brimeyer
September 20 Billy & Laura Carnine
September 21 Tim & Amber Wilcox

September 22 Seth & Jamie Corbin
Trey & Katie Riessen
Bobby & Angie Williams
Sept. 24 Cordell & Barbara Knudsen
Pat & Kriss Phillips
Dean & Julie Rath

