

St. Paul members are connected to the people in our home, and church reaching out to our community and world.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

“I have become all things to all people that by all means I might save some.” 1 Cor. 9:22b (ESV)

We make connections with people very early in life. Children and parents, brothers and sisters interact with each other. There are opportunities to share the faith and encourage growth in the faith.

The congregation becomes an extension of the family as we interact and make connections with families of

our congregation. This gives even more opportunities to share the faith and encourage one another in the faith.

At the same time we also make connections with people in our community. Children meet classmates and other students in school and other children in the neighborhood. Adults connect with people in the community through their children’s school, the workplace and social events. These all become opportunities to share and encourage the faith.



St. Paul Lutheran Church seeks to provide members with the tools and the opportunities to grow and be encouraged in the faith and at the same time equipping members to share the faith with their family members, fellow congregation members and people in the community.

Parents are given a “Nursery Roll Packet” when their child is baptized. This packet contains materials to enable parents to begin sharing the faith with their newest member of the family.

Sunday School is offered for children, age 4 through 8th grade. Here children learn of God’s action in history and in their own lives.

Mid-week School is also offered to grades 3-8 for an hour of learning and quipping each week.

Confirmation instruction is offered for 7th & 8th graders enable them to make a public profession of their faith and to prepare them to receive the Lord’s Supper.

In all these ministries children are encouraged to know the faith but also to share that wonderful message of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

In all of these opportunities children are encouraged to make the “connection” of their faith the people they come in contact with each day.

Junior High and High school youth are also provided with opportunities to grow in the faith through Bible study opportunities and informal events and activities.

At the same time adults are encouraged to take advantage of many Bible Study offerings and events put together by various agencies and groups of the congregation.



Perhaps the most visible opportunity for making all these “connections” is our weekly worship. Here the Holy Spirit works through His Word (Scripture) and the Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord’s Supper) to nurture our faith and equip us to share that faith as we move into our “connections” in the community during the week.

The purpose of all this activity is to provide you with an opportunity to grow in your faith, an opportunity to encourage fellow members, and at the same time to equip you to share your faith with those who may not yet know Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.

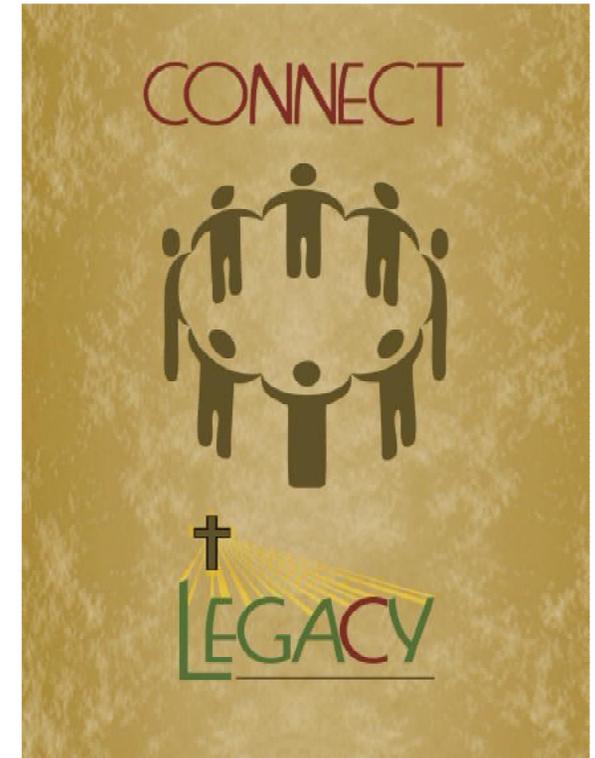
Our Vision

Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.

Our Strategy

We have a message and a way of life that the whole world needs to hear and experience. We must pass it on. It is our desire that you would experience the love of Jesus Christ and become imitators of him through a process we know as **Learn, Live, Lead**. Our strategy is to be a community where the legacy of faith is **learned** in such a way that people grow to **live** that legacy and **lead** others to become part of that legacy.

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