

# THE MESSENGER



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**SEPTEMBER 2024**

Dear Friends in Christ:

Why do we take God's word so seriously?

Romans 1:22-23

"18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things."

I was walking the other morning, and I saw a bird sitting on the wire beside me. There was another bird on the ground, but it flew up and seemingly went after the other bird just minding its own business. Watching this unfold before me a thought went through my mind, those two birds are no different than any other creature that has been given life by the Lord, in the sense that they have been corrupted because of sin in the world. We know that as humans we are biblically the epitome of God's creation. Sadly, though we hear supposedly intelligent people say that we don't need the one true God, because we have science, and we have now the answers because we are so much smarter. Which is exactly counter to the point that St. Paul is making to the Church in Rome. Paul is reminding them and us the reason that the world continues to struggle is that it does not want to admit that they are sinners, that they were born in sin, and continue to show their true colors as being children of the devil. Jesus speaking to the Jews says in John 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies." Yes, this passage is literally speaking about how they want to rid themselves of Jesus, but they do so because they are of their father the devil who leads those who are not walking in the faith away from the truth of God and they follow the myths of other humans that as Paul says, "they have become so smart they have become fools." So, what does that mean for the Church then? How do we bring the Gospel to a world that thinks they are smarter than, in their minds, a made-up God? First, they have to be shown the error of their ways, meaning that the Law has to be preached to them, and everyone else for that matter, for the Law shows us our sins. Now is that what the world wants to hear? No! Is that what it needs to hear? Of course! Once the Law is proclaimed though then we get to do something that no one else has the ability to do, and that is to proclaim the Gospel. That Jesus came, died and rose for all sinners. Because of this good news which transforms hearts and minds through the Holy Spirit we now not only know there is a God, because of the Law written on our heart, but we also get to believe in Him and worship Him and give thanks for all that He has and continues to do for us, in the good times and in what we would call bad times. That is why we take the Word of God so seriously!



**& ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 - Adam Hoene; Mark & Melissa Luce (34)
  - 2 - Steve Weber; Austin Wittenberg; Jordan Wittenberg; Roger & Marilyn Kull(57); Brian & Lisa Shelton (23); Brad & Brea\* Wirth (17)
  - 4 - Ramona Radloff; Frances York
  - 5 - Eli Dollarhide; Olivia Telgmann; Abigail Oller
  - 6 - Charlene Telgmann
  - 7 - Linda Oakley; Katie Thomas
  - 8 - Darrell & Doris Cress(40)
  - 9 - Claire McCormick; Kendra Hayes; Gerry & Dawn Schlechte(35) Nathan\* Luce
  - 10 - Jacob Pfeiffer; Kendall Fulk
  - 11 - Isabella Manhart; Will & Alexis\* Tabbert (2)
  - 12 - Ron Wirth
  - 15 - Donna Pfeiffer
  - 16 - Bradley Wirth; Kevin Wirth
  - 17 - Jeremy Reel
  - 18 - David Stremming
  - 19 - Mitchell Esslinger; Harper Layton
  - 20 - Mark Luce; Logan Wirth\*; Isley Wallin
  - 21 - Nicholas McCormick; Paige Layton
  - 22 - Rick & Susie Allen(45); Colton\* & Alecia Booher (12)
  - 23 - Mary Brehmer; River Gilmore
  - 24 - Robert Stremming; Derek Bloemer; Scott Widdersheim
  - 25 - Kim Storm
  - 26 - Autumn McCormick; Doug Stremming; Kevin\* & Lori Mathis(26); Sheryl & Rick\* Vonderheide(37);
  - 27 - Karen Pfeiffer; Bryan Vonderheide Culver Bloemer
  - 28 - Crosby Ashmore
  - 29 - William C. Orr; Laurie Rincker; Camden Layton; Amelia Ohnesorge
  - 30- Hudson Bloemer
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**Articles for Newsletter & Guide**

Information for the Guide needs to be in the office by 8:00AM on **Wednesday morning**.  
 Articles for the Newsletter should be in the office by the **15th** of the month.



**WDS CLASSES @ 6:30-7:30 PM**  
 Grade 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

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**Prayer Chain**



If you know of anyone needing prayer because of an accident, sudden onset of illness, or critical illness, please call **Lisa Shelton at 217-690-6606** or Facebook message her. If you wish to volunteer to be a member of the prayer chain, let Lisa know. James 5:16....**"and pray for one another that you may be healed."**



As your day draws to a close, spend a few moments with God, reflecting on His love and care for you throughout the day. Just dial 217-644-3124 to hear His message.



### Music Notes

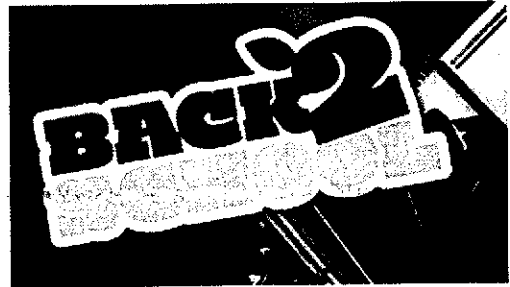
Choir Rehearsal Tues Sept. 3 7:00p.m.  
 Choir Rehearsal Wed. Sept. 11 7:30p.m.  
**Choir Sings Sun. Sept. 15**  
 Choir Rehearsal Wed. Sept. 25 7:30p.m.  
**Choir Sings Sun. Sept. 29**

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# Choir

**September is Coming** and that means it is time for the singers in our congregation to get together for another choir season! Whether you are a choir veteran of many years or a former choir member thinking of returning or have never sung in a choir but always wanted to try, the choir needs you! Rehearsals will be held a couple Tuesday's and occasional Wednesday's of each month. Bring your voice to any rehearsal to join in the harmony and fellowship while we sing God's praises. Watch for more information in bulletins and newsletters. The first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 pm. See you in September!

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**New School Year** As we begin the 2024-25 school year, we pray blessings upon and give thanks for all our teachers and helpers in Sunday School and Weekday School. They are:

- SS Pre-K, Autumn McCormick
- SS 1-3, Lisa Shelton, Dawn Schlechte (sub)
- SS 4-8, Dee Dee Batson, Laurie Rincker (sub)
- SS HS, Sara Hayes, Johnna Schultz, Sarah Luce, Laurie Rincker
- SS Adult, Heath McCormick, Gary Kull, Patsy Lenz
- WDS 1-2, Courtney Orman
- WDS 3-4, Susie Allen, Roger Kull (sub)
- WDS 5-6, Dee Dee Batson, Roger Kull (sub)
- Confirmation 7-8, Pastor Whybrew

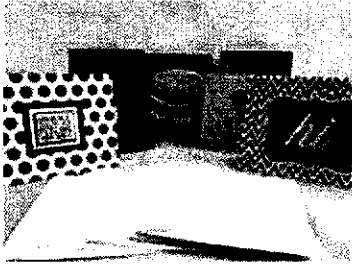
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### Weekday School

Weekday School is a Wednesday night Christian education program for children who will be entering grades 1-8 during the 2024-25 school year. Classes began Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. Classes will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening





**LYF Cards**

Boxed and individual cards are available in the choir room/ parlor off the narthex. Birthday, wedding, anniversary, sympathy, and other types of cards are available! Place card money in an envelope and slide under the office door. The card sales support the LYF. Thank You!

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**Congratulations** Congratulations to Jacob and Allison McIlwain on the birth of their son, Tate Jacob, born on Friday, August 2, 2024. Tate weighed 9lbs and 12 oz and was 19.5 inches long. God's blessings to Tate and his family.



**Thank you** A special thanks to Lisa and the prayer chain group for remembering me during my surgery and after. Also to those members and neighbors who remembered me with cards, visits and food after coming home. Marilyn Kull

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**Thank you** I would like to thank everyone for the Birthday well wishes and I also want to thank you for your concern and prayers over the last few weeks as well. Pastor

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**Thank you** Thank you to everyone who has helped with the children's Christmas shoe box project. In July and August we are collecting school supplies. We need boxes of 24 crayons, small scissors for ages 4-18, pens, pencils, glue sticks and small pads of paper. Also small books and puzzles. In addition items of clothing are always appreciated. Thank you

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**Thank you** Thank you for all of the prayers, calls, and cards during the illness and passing of my sister, Marcella Cardinal. Katherine Manhart & family

# Baptism

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**Baptism** River Thomas Gilmore, son of Matthew and Emily Gilmore was baptized on Thursday, August 1, 2024. Sponsors are Molly Manhart and Roxanna Manhart. God's blessings to River and his family.

**Baptism** Eloise Ann Parisien, daughter of Alex Parisien and Roxanna Manhart was baptized on Thursday, August 1, 2024. Sponsor is Allison Vonderheide. God's blessings to Eloise and her family.



**Adopted Seminary Students**

At the July Voters meeting, members voted to adopt and send support to two seminary students for the 2024-25 year. Those students are Micah Brown and Hunter Kinnison.

Micah Brown, 6C Founders Way, St. Louis, MO 63105  
Micah is a 4th year seminarian at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He and his wife Jen returned in August from a year-long vicarage assignment in Brookfield, WI. We supported Micah during the 2022-23 school year when he was a 2nd year student.

Hunter Kinnison, 6600 N Clinton St, Box 194, Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
Hunter, a native of Dieterich, IL, is a 2nd year seminary student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. Hunter and his finance Naomi were married August 10. St. Paul's supported Hunter as a 1st year seminarian during 2023-24.

Third year seminarian, Joshua Gerkin, will be serving as a vicar during the 2024-25 school year at Concordia Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He and wife Rachel and son Callan will be able to remain in Fort Wayne during this time. Joshua will be supported by his vicarage congregation during this year. His home address is 5418 Brighton Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Thank you as you support all of our students with your prayers, monetary gifts, notes and words of encouragement. Your gifts for Micah and Hunter are very much appreciated.

**SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE**

**Greeters-**

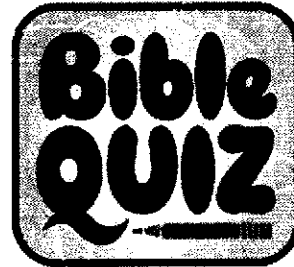
- Sept. 1- Gary Wirth
- Sept. 8- Gary & Karen Kull
- Sept. 15- Pastor & Doreen
- Sept. 22- Darin & Colleen Storm
- Sept. 29- Diane Jack

**OCTOBER SCHEDULE**

**Greeters-**

- Oct. 6- Gary Wirth
- Oct. 13- Gary & Karen Kull
- Oct. 20- Pastor & Doreen
- Oct. 27- Darin & Colleen Storm

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**Bible Trivia** Bible Trivia is in full swing again now that the new school year has begun. Plan to join us on the first Sunday evening of each month for fun and fellowship. And you will probably learn more about the Bible, too. Our next scheduled session is at 6:30 on Sept. 1st.

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If you have a child who will be living away from home at college this school year, please send their mailing address, email and phone number to the church office.



**WDS Treats**

The Education Team is looking for members who could supply treats for the Weekday School children one week during the months of September, October or November. If you would be interested in supplying treats one week, please contact Karen Kull at 217.549.3141. Thank you.

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**Correspondence in August from Rev. Gordon Alex in Kenya**

I've been a week of vigorous training for the young catechetical club children in our church. I've been coordinating all the activities for the 300 children participating in the catechetical conference as they recite Luther's small catechism. It was amazing seeing them confess their faith both in word and action. We concluded this ceremony last Sunday. A few of the photos are attached.

My hometown in Kenya is Kisumu, a city in the Western part of the country bordering Lake Victoria. Most people in the area practice farming and fishing.

I'll be sending back my daughters to school next week after staying home with us for holiday.

I always think about some old lovely faces I saw when I visited Strasburg. They were very kind and hospitable. Pass my regards to everyone. God's peace to you all.

(Photos and videos from Rev. Alex can be viewed on St. Paul's Facebook page.)



Village Town Wide Rummage Sales will be Saturday, September 7. The Village and the Strasburg Community Action Network will have a bake sale fundraiser that morning in front of the Community Center. Proceeds will help fund the matching grant portion needed for the village as they use the OSLAD grant to make park renovations to the walking path, basketball court, tennis court and playground equipment. They will also be building a new pavilion which will house the concession stand and new restrooms. The grant was for \$318K and the village match is also \$318K. Over \$100K is still needed for the village match.

We ask for your support with the bake sale by providing baked goods and/or with your free-will donation. Please have your baked items uptown on Sept. 7 between 7:30-8 a.m. Your support is very much appreciated.

## Lutheran Ladies of Strasburg Minutes – August 1, 2024

The Lutheran Ladies of Strasburg met in Grace Social Hall on August 1, 2024. Pastor Whybrew opened the meeting with a devotion, Ephesians 4:4. "There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call--."

President Muriel Merriman called the meeting to order. Twelve members answered roll call. The July Minutes and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. Our members continue to remember our congregations by sending cards and making visits.

We received a thank you card from the Antrim family, the Ostermeier family and Strasburg 150th Celebration. We also received a monetary gift from the Donna Michael Memorial and Jennifer Ampuja (Lading).

The upcoming events are: Fall Rally, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Sigel. CID Fall Retreat at Camp Cilca, October 4-5. The LWML National Convention will be June 26-29, 2025 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Our project for August is: Lutheran Church Charities and Windsor Harvest Picnic Committee.

The following Committees were formed: Search for new officers for V-President and Treasurer for 2025-2026, is Muriel and Linda. For the Christmas Committee is Cindy R., Doreen, Muriel, Karen and Leigha. Another Committee was formed to explore our finances, Charlene, Cinda H, and Karen.

The August Flower committees will be Spring Rincker from Grace and Lisa Rincker from St. Paul's. Muriel thanked the retiring committees of Sharon and Yvonne for flowers and our August Hostess Neva. Our September Hostesses will be Holly Giertz and Tammy Sentel.

Our verse for the day was "And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28.

We closed with the Doxology, Lord's Prayer and Table Prayer. Happy Anniversary to Karen and Gary Kull, Linda and Don Doehring, and Chris and Floyd Storm.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, **September 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Social Hall.**

Vivian Granat, Secretary

CRADLE ROLL  
September 2024

The Cradle Roll program at St. Paul's Lutheran Church supports and serves children birth to 3 years and their parents. This program was restarted in 2021. As it has been three years since this committee reorganized, it seems timely to recount the purposes, goals and activities of the committee.

Since 2021, the Cradle Roll program has served 43 little ones ages birth to three in our church. Currently there are 22 children (under age 3) in the program. Which means there are many parents loving, caring and raising those 22 young children. To help support those parents our Cradle Roll Committee members provide a hot meal and also prepare freezer meals which are delivered to the parents of a newborn. If the family does not live locally, gift cards are sent. A congratulatory greeting card is signed by members of the Cradle Roll Committee. A packet of materials from Concordia Publishing House is used to send mailings to each child periodically from birth to age 3. The materials consist of baptism cards, baptism anniversary cards, and birthday cards as well as age-appropriate Christian books.

To further encourage and support parents a monthly article is included in The Messenger, St. Paul's newsletter, and occupies this space. Helpful parenting information is provided to enable parents to tell their child(ren) about Jesus and to rear them in a Christian home. Contents include parenting skills, and suggested activities appropriate for children ages birth to three. The articles are also useful for grandparents. Other available resources to help parents of young children with child rearing and Christian education are a number of parenting books and materials located in the church library which is located in the overflow wing where the Alpha Bible Class meets. The Cradle Roll Committee is working to update and increase the number of parenting books and materials in the church library.

We believe that we are to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Parents are primarily responsible for that task with the assistance of grandparents and other family members and the church. Parents teach their children daily in the home. When the child reaches age 3 our church provides Sunday School Preschool where the child begins to formally learn about Jesus and His love. Parents provide the basis for their child's Christian life and education from birth to three. Our church joins them in their Christian education efforts at age 3 which continues until death...whatever that age is.

The Cradle Roll Committee presently consists of nine members: St. Paul's Education Superintendent, Karen Kull, Cradle Roll Committee Coordinator, Colleen Storm, and members Shelby Beltz, Amelia Ohnesorge, Judy Wittenberg, Brittani Oller, Kay Dust, Susan Allen and Virginia Vogel. Pastor Whybrew consults with us.



**“In His Hands Orphans Outreach” Project**

*Mission Night*

Thursday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:00pm

At St. Paul’s Lutheran Church,

Strasburg

*(Sponsored by The Lutheran Ladies Aid of Strasburg)*

Come meet Jim Reed from Beecher City, a project manager for “In His Hands”. He has spent many months in Kenya overseeing the construction of a rescue center for children. This is a Bible-based non-denominational organization.

Jim will have an interesting slide show and talk about his mission in Kenya.

Come enjoy the fellowship in the social hall!

See you there!

To learn more: [www.inhishands.org](http://www.inhishands.org)

# Walking for St. Paul's

Starting in September we are looking for members who are willing to strap on their walking shoes and "Walk for St. Paul's".

Exercise is always good but exercise with a purpose is even better. If you are able and would like to start walking for exercise and a purpose, we have your opportunity to start.

Starting in the month of September, members can pick up monthly record sheets from the church office door and start keeping track of the number of miles you walk per day, week and for the month. Once you have completed the monthly record of walking, turn in the sheets at the office and pick up a new monthly record sheet. We will keep track of how far every participant walks and record it monthly in the church bulletin. That way you can see how you are doing. You can walk at home, around town, on a treadmill, or in the church's gym (15 laps equals ½ mile). We will have t-shirts available to show your support as a walker. So this is for the exercise.

## **Now for the purpose.**

The Thrivent company will allow us to count this activity as a means to raise funds for the benefit of some aspect of our church. For every mile you walk, \$0.05 will be access to a collective account. Once we have amassed a total of 5000 miles collectively we can apply for a \$250 debit card to be use at the choosing of the participants. So not only are you getting exercise, you are raising funds for St. Paul.

So, join us starting this September and "Walk for St. Paul's"



## St. Paul Walkers

Riding to Walking:

*A general rule of thumb:*

**One hour of low intensity cycling is the equivalent of walking about 6000 steps.**

**30 minutes is about 3000 steps**

**20 minutes 2000 steps**

**10 minutes 1000 steps**

*Converting steps to miles:*

- A. Measure your stride length.**
- B. Multiply that length by your steps**
- C. Divide the number by 5280 or the number of feet per mile.**
- D. That equals your miles walked.**

Example: 6000 steps X 2' 6" stride = 15,000 feet  
then divide that # of feet by 5,280 (feet per mile) and  
you get your distance. **2.84 miles**

Example: 2000 steps X 2' 6" stride = 5,200 feet then  
divide that # of feet by 5,280 (feet per mile) and you  
get your distance. **0.985 miles or one mile**

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## Walking chart

Month: **Sep-24**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Weekly Totals
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total Laps _____ Total Miles _____
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total Laps _____ Total Miles _____
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total Laps _____ Total Miles _____
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Total Laps _____ Total Miles _____
29	30						Total Laps _____ Total Miles _____

Monthly Totals: Laps \_\_\_\_\_ Miles \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## St. Paul's Wednesday Evening Weekday School Calendar 2024-25 for Grades 1-8

### AUGUST 2024

Wed., 21 6 pm Registration; WDS 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 28 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

Wed., 4 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 11 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 18 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 25 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### OCTOBER

Wed., 2 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 9 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 16 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 23 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 30 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

Wed., 6 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Music 7:30-8) \*

Wed., 13 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Music 7:30-8) \*

Wed., 20 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Music 7:30-8) \*

**TUE., 26** 6:30-8 p.m. – Christmas Eve Practice +

**No Class on Wed., Nov 27**

### DECEMBER

Wed, 4 6:30 Advent Service, 7-8 p.m. Christmas Eve Practice +

Wed., 11 6:30 Advent Service, 7-8 p.m. Christmas Eve Practice +

Wed., 18 6:30 Advent Service 7-8 p.m. Christmas Eve Practice

**MON., 23** 6-7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal +

**TUES., 24** 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Program

### JANUARY 2025

Wed., 8 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 15 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 22 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 29 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

Wed., 5 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 12 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 19 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 26 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### MARCH

Wed., 5 6:30 Lent, 7-8 p.m. WDS

Wed., 12 6:30 Lent, 7-8 p.m. WDS

Wed., 19 6:30 Lent, 7-8 p.m. WDS

Wed., 26 6:30 Lent, 7-8 p.m. WDS

### APRIL

Wed., 2 6:30 Lent, 7-8 p.m. WDS

Wed., 9 6:30 Lent, 7-8 p.m. WDS

Wed., 16 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed., 23 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**SUN., 27** 8:30 a.m. CONFIRMATION (8th grade)

Wed., 30 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### MAY

**Wed., 7 6:30-7:30 p.m. WDS End of Year Picnic & Program (Congregation invited)**

\* Music practice these weeks from 7:30-8 p.m. is for the St. Paul's Christmas Eve program

+ No WDS instruction Nov. 26 through December. There will be Christmas Eve practice only these weeks.

Updated 8/21/2024

**TIME AND GIFTS INVENTORY 2024**  
***Using my Time and Talents for the Lord***

Please mark the areas in which you desire to minister at our St. Paul's Church:

*1 Corinthians 12:4-7 "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in every person for the good of all."*

God has gifted each of us with gifts to serve in God's kingdom. Please take a few moments to fill out this inventory so that you can share your gifts at St. Paul's.

Instructions for filling out this inventory:

1. Find a quiet time to pray and think about what gifts you have to offer.
2. Carefully, look through each area of ministry and place a check mark by the areas you believe that you are willing to serve in.
3. Review the inventory, and see if there are any additional areas you would like to serve.
4. Please turn this inventory to the church office or place in the collection basket at church.
5. If you are currently serving in one of these areas, please check the box.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I am often available to serve: \_\_\_ During worship \_\_\_ Evenings \_\_\_ Weekdays \_\_\_ Weekends

**WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

- \_\_\_ Greeter
- \_\_\_ Usher
- \_\_\_ Sunday Morning Audio/Video helper
- \_\_\_ Funeral Audio/Video helper
- \_\_\_ Sing in the Adult Choir
- \_\_\_ Help decorate the church for holidays
- \_\_\_ Provide altar flowers for a month during the year
- \_\_\_ Help with the Easter breakfast

**DISCIPLING MINISTRIES**

Young Children's Ministry

- \_\_\_ Sunday School Teacher
- \_\_\_ Weekday School Teacher
- \_\_\_ Sunday School/WDS Substitute Teacher
- \_\_\_ Musical Accompanist, substitute piano or organ player
- \_\_\_ VBS Teacher
- \_\_\_ VBS Helper
- \_\_\_ Help with LYF

## Adult Ministry

- Lead Adult Small Group or Bible Study
- Attend Bible Study

*I would be willing to serve in the following areas:*

- Church Council (would serve as a church officer as needed)
- Technology
- Join or help the Lutheran Ladies Aid of Strasburg
- Do a Pause for Peace devotion
- Serve on the Financial Committee

## **CARING MINISTRIES**

- Visit Shut-Ins/Hospitalized Members
- Prayer Chain Member
- Sew (Quilting)(Blanket making)
- Food Donations (for funerals)
- Provide rides to church
- Be a sponsor for new members
- Invite a member or visitor home for a meal
- House a guest minister or seminarian student when visiting
- Write to members serving in the military or students away from home
- Help plan special church activities (example-Church Picnic)

## **SUPPORT MINISTRIES**

I would be willing to use my gifts or talents to:

- Help with landscaping /Plant flowers around the church/school grounds
- Weed flower beds, tend to shrubs, etc..
- Help with set-up and tear-down of the social hall/church for funerals, VBS and other special events.

## **Other Areas**

Some other areas I believe I could offer my gifts are:

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hunter.kinnison@ctsfw.edu

Wednesday, August 21, 2024



St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
c/o Karen Kull  
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Dear friends at St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for adopting me a second year through the seminary's adoption program. I am overjoyed to know that you will be keeping me in your prayers again this year and providing some financial support for me, as well. Both were a huge blessing to me last school year.

My first year at the seminary was wonderful and I enjoyed all my classes. This year I am looking forward to many classes again. This coming quarter, in particular, I am looking forward to Gospels III (Gospel of John) with Dr. Weinrich, a renowned scholar in John. I am also looking forward to getting back to my fieldwork congregation, Zion in Decatur, Indiana, where I assist with the weekly Divine Service and preach and teach on occasion.

Over the summer I was afforded quite a bit of opportunity to preach at my summer vicarage congregation. There I preached at least twice a week for six weeks at their daily Matins services.

Over the summer I also married my lovely wife, Naomi. We were united in marriage on August 10<sup>th</sup> at her home church in McPherson, Kansas and would very much appreciate your prayers as we begin our married life together and learn to live as husband and wife with Christ at the center of our marriage. It has been very exciting these first couple of weeks to set up our home together and do a little bit of travelling before my classes resume.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support thus far and your continued prayers and support. I keep you in my prayers, giving thanks to God for you regularly.

Yours in Christ,

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