



NEWSLETTER

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NEW MINISTRY: TABLE OF GRACE

PASTOR KYLE BACKHAUS

At St. Paul, we believe that "Connecting People to Christ" means caring for people in the everyday moments of life. Sometimes that means sharing God's Word. Sometimes it means praying with someone. And sometimes, it means showing up at someone's door with a warm meal and reminding them, "You are not alone."

That is the heart behind a new ministry starting this fall here at St. Paul called Table of Grace.

Table of Grace is a meal and care ministry designed to provide meals to individuals and families during times when life becomes especially difficult and overwhelming. A new baby, an illness or surgery, a family crisis or loss of a loved one, or an unexpected hardship can make something as simple as preparing dinner feel overwhelming.

Through Table of Grace, meals will be prepared by St. Paul members here at church, stored in a freezer, and made available when a need arises.

Meals may be picked up at St. Paul by any member and delivered to anyone in need—whether they are a member of our congregation or a neighbor in our community. Each meal will include a card with worship times, an offer of prayer, encouragement, and continued care.

But this ministry is about more than a meal. While food is at the center of the ministry, Table of Grace is ultimately about care and connection. A meal gives us a tangible way to care for

one another and our neighbors and to strengthen relationships both inside and outside our congregation.

This is one small way to live out our mission of "Connecting People to Christ." Through practical acts of love, there are opportunities to offer encouragement, pray with others, and point people to the love and presence of Christ.

You may notice some changes to the hallway area near the Giving Center as the space is being prepared for this new ministry. A new freezer is already in place to store prepared meals and have them ready for when a need arises. A new storage cabinet will also be placed next to the Giving Center for supplies and ministry materials. These changes may seem like small things, but they represent something exciting: St. Paul is creating a practical way to care for people when they need it most.

The first opportunity to get involved begins **Thursday, September 3** in the Gathering Area. A display will feature shopping items needed to help get started before the first meal is even cooked. Simply take a sticky note with an item, purchase it, and drop it off in the designated bin in the Giving Center. This will help prepare for the first workshop, which will be held on **Wednesday, October 14 from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM** with three different shift opportunities. At the workshop, volunteers will prepare meals and begin building a supply for future needs. Whether you love to cook or simply want to learn how you can help, you are invited to participate!

If you have questions or would like to get involved, please reach out to **Danette Hoftiezer** in the Church Office and watch for more information in your weekly news.

Sometimes ministry happens in big and obvious ways. Other times, it looks like a meal prepared in a church kitchen, placed in a freezer, and delivered to someone in a time of need. That simple act can say a lot: you are not alone. We care about you. We are praying for you. Christ is with you.

What a joy it will be to see how God uses Table of Grace to care for people and strengthen connections to one another and our community. Meals. Presence. Prayer. Care in Christ. "Connecting People to Christ"—one act of care at a time.

PASTOR KYLE BACKHAUS
SENIOR PASTOR



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— JOIN US THIS —

FALLFALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE
STARTING **SEPTEMBER 13****Thursday | 6:30 PM****Sunday | 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM
11:00 AM**

OFFICE HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME

Monday - Thursday | 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**Closed Fridays****ROOTED: GROWING DEEPER IN CHRIST**

This fall, we are excited to begin Rooted, a 10-week journey designed to help us grow deeper in our faith and become more firmly rooted in Christ. Through weekly sermons, daily devotions, and Small Groups, we will explore what it means to be rooted in prayer, Scripture, worship, community, service, generosity, and sharing the Gospel. Each week, the Rooted sermon will introduce and kick off that week's theme, which we will then continue exploring through the daily devotional material throughout the week. Whether you participate in a Small Group or walk through Rooted individually, there are opportunities for everyone to be part of this journey!

Our Rooted journey begins September 10 and continues through November 22. If you ordered a Rooted Participant Guide, it will be available for pickup in the Gathering Area, arranged alphabetically by last name. Those interested in joining a Rooted Small Group can find sign-up opportunities in the Gathering Area. You do not need to be part of a Small Group to participate in Rooted! We encourage everyone at St. Paul to take part through the weekly sermons and daily devotions as we seek to grow deeper roots in our faith and live out our mission of "Connecting People to Christ." We are excited to see how God will work through Rooted this fall!

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Another school year has begun! The teachers and students are excited to be back and are getting to know each other.

The Early Childhood Center will be selling Seroogy's candy bars from September 17 - October 2. Candy bars come in seven flavors (crisp, peanut butter, mint, almond, mocha, Shock Rock, and melt away) and are \$2.00 a bar. They can be purchased from students, the Early Childhood Center, or the Church Office. Funds raised will be used to add or replace toys and books as needed.

Thank you for your support of the Early Childhood Center. We are still collecting used or expired ink and HP toner cartridges (usually used in offices) and cell phones, iPods, or tablets. Other things we are looking for include Crystal Light tubes, extra large washers, screws and bolts, the metal basket golf balls come in, and round plastic Christmas ornaments. These can be dropped off in the bin marked ECC at the Giving Center.



Most importantly, we ask for your prayers for the Early Childhood Center, its families and teachers as we learn more about Jesus every day.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

SAVANNAH HENN, DIRECTOR
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Sunday School

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 13 during the 9:30 AM service. We are very excited for the new school year and look forward to all that we will learn. This month our 3K-3rd Graders will be learning about how we can trust God through the lineage of Abraham. Our 4th and 5th Graders will be learning about second chances through the stories of Hezekiah, Samson, and Peter.

AWANA

AWANA begins Wednesday, September 2 from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This year AWANA will be learning about Heroes of the Bible. This month we will learn about Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. We have the following theme nights: Represent Your Games Team (red, blue, green, yellow), Beach/Luau Night, Mismatch Night—wear mismatched clothes, and Tie Dye Night.

Online registration for AWANA and Sunday School is closed.
If you would like to register your child, please contact Savannah Henn.

Thank You Volunteers

Special thank you to our AWANA and Sunday School teachers who are dedicating their time and talents to Children's Ministry. We are blessed to have an awesome group of people with servant hearts.

CYF Events

Come and join us September 20 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Tom and Jerry's in Plymouth for mini golf and dinner. Cost is \$5 a person. Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat at St. Paul. This event will take place October 18 from 3:00-5:00 PM.

Children, Youth & Family Service Weekend

In October, St. Paul will be heading up to Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI for a weekend of service.

Camp Luther is an LCMS camp that serves over 1,000 people each year. Families and youth are welcome to come and serve alongside St. Paul and other Lutheran churches **October 23 - 25**. We will be doing various service projects to better the camp. Children starting at 6 years old can attend with an adult. Youth 6th Grade and up can attend alone with supervision under youth leaders. If interested, please see Savannah or Nicole to sign a letter of intent or get more information. Deadline to sign up is **September 27**.

Children, Youth, & Family

MINI GOLF

September 20
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Tom & Jerry's

Cost
\$5



 **ST. PAUL CHILDREN,
YOUTH, & FAMILY
SERVICE WEEKEND**

CAMP LUTHER, WI OCTOBER 23-25, 2026

Join us for a weekend of service, fellowship,
and worship!

PLEASE CONTACT NICOLE OR SAVANNAH
BY SEPTEMBER 27TH IF INTERESTED!



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

NICOLE DOLLEVOET, DIRECTOR

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Summer seems to fly by, and somehow we are already knee-deep in back-to-school activities! August was a busy and exciting month for our Youth & Family Ministry.

I had the joy of completing **seven home visits** as we welcomed our newest class of Confirmation students. It is such a blessing to be welcomed into families' homes and spend time sharing what the next three years of their faith journey will look like. We are also blessed with an amazing team of adult mentors who will be walking alongside our students this school year. **Thank you to all of our mentors for your time, commitment, and dedication to this ministry!**

Our youth continue to show that they have a **heart for serving others**, and we have several opportunities planned for the fall. Sign-up information for our **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)** event can be found at the Welcome Center. We especially encourage our Confirmation groups and St. Paul youth to join us on **Friday evening, October 9**, as we serve together.

We are also excited to announce our **2027 Youth Mission Trip to Loveland, Colorado!** Youth entering **6th Grade through post-high school** are invited to participate. If you're interested in joining us, please see me for a Letter of Intent to secure your spot.

We are hitting the ground running as school, fall programming, Confirmation, youth activities, and many ministry opportunities all kick off in September! **May God bless our efforts as we continue to "Connecting People to Christ" and encourage the next generation to live out their faith!**



Youth Group Kickoff

Youth Group for the school year kicks off on September 13. All students 6th Grade and older are welcome and invited to come! We meet at Entrance 3 at 5:30 PM, check in, and then will enjoy an evening of outdoor games. We will come back inside around 6:30 PM for supper together and conclude the evening with time in God's Word. We hope you will join us!

Young Adult Care Packages

We are collecting addresses of our young adults (ages 18-24) who are away from home. Care packages will be sent out in September, so please contact Nicole with your address!



Annual Envelope Fundraiser

Our annual envelope fundraiser is taking place in the Gathering Area September 10-21.

Please see the display for more information. We thank the congregation for their continued support of the youth of St. Paul!

WORSHIP MINISTRY

THOMAS WALKENHORST, DIRECTOR
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Organist/Pianist Update

Dear St. Paul,

Throughout the summer we have had a vacancy for our organist and pianist position. We have had a few wonderful substitutes provide music for our worship services over the summer—we thank God for their support and service at our church!

As I have not received additional applicants for the position, I have been looking at alternatives for continuing to have the organ play in our Traditional and Blended services. One of the capabilities is using MIDI recordings that will play through our organ.

MIDI stands for Musical Instrument Digital Interface. It is a digital language and communication system that lets electronic musical instruments, computers, and software communicate with each other. Essentially, there will be a MIDI recording of someone playing a hymn that is relayed through the organ. The organ processes the messages and then plays through its relative stops, pipes, and pedals. You would not see an individual sitting at the console, but there would still be organ music playing. This is similar to when we have a drummer absent from a Praise Team and I have used my computer to play drum tracks recorded on the drum set with MIDI technology.



Granted, this is a unique situation, but there are many other churches that use this technology when lacking an organist. It should be known that there is still an organist behind these recordings—there is still a person behind the music that is playing.

We pray that this technology will still be fruitful for our worship and that we will continue praying that the Lord has someone in the future to support our praise and music-making here at our church.

As for the pianist side of things, I will continue accompanying the Choir to the best of my ability. I will also be leading the Bell Choir when they resume this month.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me, stop by my office, or find me at church.

Thomas Walkenhorst

THE GATHERING PLACE

LEAH ZEHEL, DIRECTOR

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Every now and then I like to take a step back and write about The Gathering Place basics. With lots to look forward to and some new faces here at TGP, I thought it would be a good time to talk about our goals, our purpose, and what it is that keeps us such a special program.

The Gathering Place program is based around six key elements of wellness: socialization, community, cognitive, spiritual, emotional, and physical. All six of these are important, but the one we incorporate into all activities is socialization — we really make it a priority. Each day we start with a casual social time, and this room is always full of laughter and joy! We take that joy into every activity we do, always encouraging social interactions.

Community — everyone has a need to be fulfilled, and we all want to be part of something. We really focus on what we can do, not what we cannot do. We get involved in the community in many ways, including service projects for the church, the Sheboygan Falls Chamber - Main Street, and many other organizations, giving our participants a sense of belonging.

Physical — we do exercise every day! We have fun and effective exercises that focus on strength and balance. Ruth, Joan, and Jen are our instructors, and they make it fun!

Cognitive — along with working our physical bodies, we also exercise our brains with trivia, word games, cards, reading, art, and much more!

Emotional and Spiritual — we value and respect each one of our participants, listening, validating, and always encouraging. Just because a person receives a diagnosis of dementia does not mean they are not a person with normal desires and needs — a need to feel useful, a need to feel involved, a need to be heard, and a need to be loved. I believe our program helps participants stay socially connected, reduces depression, reduces cognitive decline, and most importantly — it is fun!



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - WORSHIP

This month we are shining a light on our Worship Ministries—the people who make worship services come alive. We are so grateful for every volunteer who gives their time and talent to make worship at St. Paul a meaningful experience for all who walk through our doors.

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." — Romans 15:7

Greeters

Before anything else on a Sunday morning, there is a smile and a warm hello. Our Greeters are the first faces many people see when they walk through our doors—and that moment matters more than we might realize. Whether someone is visiting for the first time or has been coming for decades, being welcomed with genuine warmth is a powerful thing. If you feel called to be that welcome for someone, we would love to have you. Contact Karri in the Church Office.

Usher Teams

Right alongside our Greeters, our Usher Teams keep Thursday and Sunday services running with warmth and care. From distributing the Weekly News and dismissing worshipers forward for Communion, to bringing forth the offering, our ushers serve with a servant's heart and a friendly face. Ushers serve on a rotating schedule, making this a flexible and low-commitment way to serve. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Thomas Walkenhorst.

Audio/Visual Team

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes to make our worship services come to life? From the microphones our pastors wear, to the lyrics on the screens, to the livestream that reaches members at home—it all happens because of dedicated volunteers who show up faithfully every week. No experience necessary—training is provided for all positions!

Sound Board Operator — Behind every clear word from the pastor and every note from the Praise Team is someone adjusting volumes, managing channels, and making sure nothing gets in the way of worship. A behind-the-scenes role with a big impact.

Projection Operator — Someone has to put those song lyrics and Scripture passages on the screen at just the right moment. It is a simple but powerful way to help people stay connected to God during the service.

Livestream Camera Operator — Not everyone can be with us in person—and our Livestream Operator makes sure they don't miss a thing. By operating the camera during our Sunday 9:30 AM livestream and special services, you help extend the reach of St. Paul's ministry beyond our walls.

If any of these roles speak to you, we would love to have you on the team. Contact Thomas Walkenhorst to learn more.



Altar Guild

"Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." — Psalm 29:2

Before anyone else arrives on Sunday morning, the Altar Guild has already been at work. This dedicated team serves quietly behind the scenes, changing the paraments to reflect the seasons of the church year and preparing the bread and wine for Holy Communion. It is a meaningful and meditative way to serve God and prepare His house for worship. Altar Guild members serve on a rotating basis, so the time commitment is very manageable. Contact Thomas Walkenhorst to learn more or Shari Van Wyk via the Church Office.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - WORSHIP CONTINUED



Adornment Team

There is something special about walking into a beautifully decorated church during the holidays. That is the work of our Adornment Team—a creative group that sets up decorations throughout the church during holidays and special events, making the space feel warm and welcoming to members and visitors alike. Everyone is welcome to help! Under the direction of team leader Lorrie Wilson, this team brings beauty to God's house with talent, time, and joy. Contact Lorrie Wilson via the Church Office to get involved.

Communion Assistant

Our Communion Assistants serve alongside our pastors during worship services that include the Lord's Supper,

helping to distribute the elements to worshipers. It is a deeply meaningful role—one that places you right at the heart of one of the most sacred moments in our worship. Training is provided. Contact Pr. Kyle.

Sunday Morning Coffee Server

Fellowship doesn't end when the service does—and our Sunday Morning Coffee Servers make sure of that! From September through May, volunteers prepare and serve coffee after the 8:00 and 9:30 AM services on a rotating schedule. It is a warm and welcoming way to extend the spirit of Sunday morning. Contact Karri in the Church Office to sign up.

To learn more about our Worship Ministries, visit stpaulfalls.com.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Volunteers Needed for Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

As we prepare for our **Feed My Starving Children MobilePack** on **October 8 - 10**, we are still looking for approximately **10 volunteers for our Friday morning packing shift from 8:15-10:15 AM**. To volunteer, please contact Diana Shircel at stpaulfmsc@outlook.com.



Whether you come with family, friends, neighbors, or coworkers, or sign up on your own, we would love to have you join us. **All participants must be 6 years of age or older. Children ages 6-8 must work one-on-one with an adult during the packing session.**

Please also keep the MobilePack in your prayers. Pray for a safe and successful event, for all volunteer spots to be filled, and for the children and families around the world who will receive these meals.

Every ManaPack helps provide nutritious meals to children facing food insecurity, supporting feeding programs that nourish growing bodies, encourage school attendance, and bring hope to communities in need. Together, we can make a world of difference—one meal at a time.

PILLOWCASE DRESS MINISTRY

The St. Paul Pillowcase Dress Ministry has had the great privilege and joy this August to send 400 pieces of children's clothing to Guatemala along with our Guatemala Mission Team. The people who work with these two groups at St. Paul are grateful and happy to be able to help in Guatemala in this way. We are aware that over half of the people of Guatemala live in poverty, with 17% living in extreme poverty, so we are pleased to offer help however we can.

We sent 340 dresses and 60 pairs of shorts packed very tightly in four suitcases—the most our Mission Team could logically handle with all the other things they took along.



We had an additional 172 dresses that we shipped to the headquarters of Little Dresses for Africa, a Christian 501(c)(3) charity in Michigan that sends dresses and other children's clothing all over the world to children in need.



We are most thankful to the people who spent many, many hours sewing these 572 items of children's clothing, as well as the many people who donated pillowcases, fabric, and sewing notions. We are all aware that even when our thread breaks, our sewing machines jam, or our bobbins run out two inches before we finish, we are doing God's work. We often say a little prayer asking for patience and the will to keep sewing as long as there are children in need of clothing. Our intention is to continue sewing dresses and shorts as there will be, by God's grace, another Mission Trip in the future.

There is a bin in the Giving Center along with a binder of instructions, hints, and pictures. Donations of pillowcases and other supplies are placed in the bin, as well as finished dresses and shorts. Feel free to take some pillowcases and notions from this bin to sew dresses or shorts for this mission project!



OTHER NEWS & THANK YOUS

A.I.M. — Adult Introduction to Membership

Are you interested in learning more about the faith and ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church? Our membership class, A.I.M., will be offered **Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 PM beginning September 16**. Upon completion of the course, those who would like to become a part of the mission and ministry of St. Paul will have the opportunity to become members of our church. For more information or to register to attend, contact Karri in the Church Office at 920-467-6449 or karrib@stpaulfalls.com by September 14. Childcare available.



Scrip Seller Needed

We are seeking a Scrip seller to assist on the first and fifth Thursday of every month from 6:15–6:30 PM. If you are interested in learning more, contact Mary at 920-334-0280 or maryjkempf@gmail.com.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting — September 16

Are you looking for a way to connect with other women at St. Paul? Join us for our next Ladies Auxiliary meeting on September 16 at 1:00 PM! Whether you are a longtime member or considering joining for the first time, all women are welcome. Please bring a package of cookies (no chocolate) to donate for the Coffee and Cookie Hour. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lutheran Women's Missionary League - South Wisconsin District 2026 Fall Retreat — Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the 2026 Fall Retreat on September 25 - 26 at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc! Speaker Sharla Fritz will present "Enough for Now," based on Hebrews 13:5b: "Be content with what you have, for he has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you." Scan the QR code for more information and to register!



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SEPTEMBER 12, 2-6 PM
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JULY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Early Childhood Center Ministry Update: Christina Zeuner reported that it was a successful school year, with lots of extra fun activities both in and out of the building. 12 children graduated from 4K in May. Current enrollment for fall is 13 in the 3K AM class, four in the 3K PM class, and 10 in 4K. We have another Open House in August. We have 25 children in summer Child Care. When weather cooperates, the majority of the day is spent outside. We will have 31 in fall with a few spots open.

Youth & Family Ministry Update: Nicole Dollevoet reported that Confirmation registration begins August 1 and she will start home visits for 6th Grade families shortly. The mission trip to South Carolina was incredible, with 33 attending. Throughout the summer, Family Ministry has several events to pull people together, with a Kickball event to end the summer. Event planning for the upcoming year is complete. This past year, ECC families were also invited to family events, with a very positive response.

Mission Trips: Mission trips to Camp Luther and Loveland, Colorado were approved for the upcoming year.

Senior Pastor Update: VBS is happening now with 98 kids registered and 65 volunteers. Table of Grace Ministry is in the beginning stages, led by Danette Hoftiezer. We received a \$2,500 microgrant from the District for it. Rooted advertising and book purchases have begun for our fall series. We had a couple of weddings this summer and many Baptisms. Membership has been reviewed, removing 90 people due to no attendance in the last four years. Letters and phone calls have also been made to those with no attendance in the last two to three years. Annual calls have also been made to members over 80 years old. Pr. Blas will be our guest preacher August 6-9. We will return to three services on September 13. We are still looking for an organist, Bell Choir director, and Choir accompanist.

June Fiscal Year End Report: St. Paul ended the year with a surplus of \$14,340 without the special gifts. This has been placed into the Ministry Development Dedicated Account. Special gifts in the amount of \$474,109 have been placed temporarily in the Ministry Development account until the Council determines future allocations. The Columbarium is able to pay back \$10,000 of the loan to St. Paul. Fiscal year end comparisons for the past 21 years were shared.

Year End Surplus Discussion: The Council reviewed the Capital Improvement plan for the next five years. This includes roughly a \$300,000 boiler that has exceeded its life. Discussion was held of various options, to potentially include setting money aside for the boiler and a donation to the Endowment Fund. Discussion was tabled until the August meeting.

Ministry Fundraising Match Program: Stefanie shared the 2025-2026 fundraisers that were matched in the amount of \$37,122.59.

Clevertouch Smart TV: The Smart TV is nine years old and we are beginning to have issues with it. The Council approved the purchase not to exceed \$4,500 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Security Camera System: A team consisting of Mark Huehns, Mark Buffington, Chad Berke, and Stefanie Trakel has been put together. They will be meeting with two vendors in early August. Scope to include all main exterior entrances, parking lots as best we can (mounted to building), 30-day retention, cloud-based storage, ability to expand, three interior cameras at the main entrance, Entrance 3/bathrooms, and Entrance 5/bathrooms, and battery backup. Vendor selection will be at the August Council Meeting and a Congregation Meeting will be required for final approval.

JULY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

2026-2027 Home Missions & Mission Partner Scrip: The Church Council approved support as follows:

Home Missions:

Anchor of Hope - \$1,000
 Bridgeway House - \$1,000
 Camp Luther - \$1,300
 Concordia Seminary: Adopt-a-Student - \$1,000
 Diamond Vue - \$1,000
 FMSC - \$4,000
 Freedom Cry (Human Trafficking) - \$500
 Guatemala Mission Trip 2028 - \$1,500
 Helping Kids - \$1,000
 Hispanic Ministry - \$3,500
 Lighthouse (rehab day program) - \$500
 Love INC - \$3,000
 Lutheran Education Scholarships - \$8,000
 Lutheran High/Neat Repeats - \$1,000
 Morning Meditations - \$1,200

Rebuilding Together - \$3,500

Reins - \$1,000

Stepping Stones - \$500

Teen Challenge - \$1,000

The Adobe - \$500

The Production Farm - \$1,000

Youth Mission Trip - \$3,000

Mission Partner Scrip:

FMSC - \$500

Guatemala Mission Trip 2028 - \$500

Hispanic Ministry - \$1,000

Dominican Republic Group Home for Kids with Disabilities - \$500

Project Video - \$500

Soles for Jesus - \$500

Youth Mission Trips - \$1,500

Main Entrance Replacement: Falls Glass shared a quote and mock-up to replace the entire panel of front doors. The doors are old and need to be replaced, and we would also like to make them more secure with less glass. The Council has decided to add crosses to each door, which would decrease the amount of glass, making it too small for a person to enter through. Stefanie will send the adjustments to Falls Glass and present a final quote at the August Council Meeting. A second quote is also being sought. This will then need to be presented at a Congregation Meeting for approval.

Bollards: The Council approved the installation of bollards at our entrances by Jos Schmitt, not to exceed \$18,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report - July 2026

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Financial Results- Fiscal Year End Actual, Budget & Variance

	1 Month Ended 7-31-26 Actual	1 Month Ended 7-31-26 Budget	Variance from Budget (Short)/Over
General Offerings	\$ 106,812	\$ 125,751	\$ (18,938)
Other Income	\$ 496	\$ 1,338	\$ (841)
Mission Offerings	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,167	\$ 33
Total Income	\$ 113,509	\$ 133,255	\$ (19,746)
Operating Expenses	\$ 165,978	\$ 130,392	\$ 35,586
Mission Support	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	\$ -
Total Expense	\$ 172,178	\$ 136,592	\$ 35,586
Suplus (Deficit) from Operations	\$ (58,669)	\$ (3,337)	\$ (55,332)

Capital Improvement Fund

	Monthly Activity Increase (Decrease)	Balance at Month End
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 5,688	\$ 351,875

Membership Report

Baptized Members	305	Confirmed Members	1,465	Total Members	1,770
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LOVE INC



READY FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

New Way Community

Join a welcoming community where you'll share a meal, build relationships, learn practical life skills, and find encouragement and hope for the journey ahead.



AFFIRMING POTENTIAL*

Everyone has a story—and every story has the potential for a new chapter. Discover your worth in Christ, dream about what's possible, set goals, and take practical steps toward the future you desire.

FINANCIAL HABITS*

Strengthen your relationship with God, yourself, and others as you develop practical financial habits, create a personalized spending plan, and set goals for success.



BOUNDARIES

Based on the bestselling book by Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend, this class teaches practical ways to build healthy boundaries, strengthen relationships, and communicate with confidence and clarity.

SUCCESSFUL LIVING

Explore a practical roadmap for a meaningful, hope-filled life through Biblical principles. Discover your values, strengthen decision-making, and build skills to navigate stress, conflict, anger, and boundaries.



DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

The Bible has shaped cultures and inspired generations. Whether you are curious, new to Scripture, or looking to grow in faith, discover its wisdom through simple questions and meaningful conversation.

*These classes are designed to build on each week's learning and require regular attendance and commitment



Thursdays
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Sept. 10-Nov. 19



Scan
to
Register



Calvin CRC
2313 Saemann Ave.
Sheboygan

New Way Community is a ministry of Love In the Name of Christ of Sheboygan County

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DAWN AT 920-301-6109. LIMITED FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Anchored in Faith

Summer brings so much to look forward to—endless sunny days, lake trips, and a well-deserved chance to unwind. This past summer, I was counting down the days for a massive project in my backyard: getting my six pine trees cut down! Powerlines blocked me from doing the job myself, so I called a professional. When I expressed my anxiety about high winds knocking a massive tree onto my house, he offered surprising reassurance: "The roots usually keep the entire tree locked into the ground."

That conversation stuck with me. A tree's root system is its ultimate lifeline. Roots do double duty: they channel vital nutrients and hydration to every branch, while anchoring the entire structure against life's heaviest storms.

As we launch into this brand-new school year at Sheboygan Lutheran, we look to Paul's letter to the Colossians, which offers us the exact same blueprint and also serves as the LCMS theme for the 2026-2027 school year: "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6-7) Be rooted in Jesus!

Just like those pines in my yard, developing deep roots of faith keeps us nourished, sustained, and unshakable when life gets turbulent.

How do we grow those deep roots? Through God's Word and Sacraments! Every single week at Sheboygan Lutheran, you have incredible opportunities to lock in your foundation through inspiring Theology classes, uplifting chapel services, powerful daily prayer, and vibrant Christian fellowship.

That is why being rooted in Christ matters—it carries weight for our eternal future. The Crusader faculty and staff care deeply about our students' academic journey, but we care even more about their eternity. Jesus loved you enough to carry your sins to the cross and defeat death three days later. Being rooted in Him ties you directly into that unstoppable love...and we are blessed to be able to teach and share that good news every day.

As the 2026-2027 school year takes off, let's stay anchored in our Christian faith, lift each other up, and make this year our most epic one yet!

For Him,
Matthew Tschudy
Executive Director



HISPANIC OUTREACH MINISTRY

Operation Backpack: One Backpack at a Time

What an incredible day for Operation Backpack! On Saturday, August 8, our community came together with one goal in mind: to make sure children started the school year with a new backpack and the supplies they need to succeed.



Our goal this year was to collect 150 backpacks, and we were excited to have 176 backpacks ready for distribution day. But as families began arriving, it quickly became clear that the need was even greater than we expected. The line seemed to never end!

Our amazing volunteers jumped into action, putting together additional backpacks as families continued to arrive. A few additional families were also served on the days following the event. By the end, 68 families had been served and 196 backpacks had been given to children!

And what a joy it was to see the children's faces! There is something incredibly special about watching a child receive a new backpack and seeing their face light up with excitement. That smile reminds us why we do this.

But Operation Backpack has never really been about the backpacks. It is about showing the love of Jesus. Every backpack is an opportunity to serve, encourage, and remind a child and family that they are loved and valued. Through this ministry, we have the privilege of being Jesus' hands, feet, and voice in our community—not just talking about His love but putting that love into action.

This year's Operation Backpack was our most successful in eight years! Over those eight years, we have now had the privilege of giving away more than 1,000 backpacks to children and families throughout our area.



Families have been served from Sheboygan, Sheboygan Falls, Plymouth, Random Lake, Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, Oostburg, Kiel, Howards Grove, Manitowoc, West Bend, and surrounding communities. What started as a simple effort to help local children has grown into a wonderful opportunity to reach families throughout the area.

We want to give a very special thank you to the LCMS churches in Sheboygan County for their partnership, generosity, prayers, and support of Operation Backpack. We are so grateful for the way our churches come together to serve children and families in our community.

And to all our incredible volunteers, thank you! Thank you for collecting backpacks, organizing supplies,

preparing and assembling backpacks, serving families, and jumping in when we needed to make more. Your time, energy, and willingness to serve made this day possible.

HISPANIC OUTREACH MINISTRY CONTINUED



As we look back on Saturday and the days that followed, we are reminded that a backpack can be so much more than a backpack. It can be a smile, encouragement, a helping hand, and an opportunity to show a child that someone cares.

One backpack at a time. One child at a time. One family at a time. That is how we serve. That is how we show the love of Jesus. And that is how we get to be His hands, His feet, and His voice in our community.

68 families served. 196 backpacks given. More than 1,000 backpacks over eight years. What a joy. What a

blessing. What a beautiful community we have, and what an amazing Lord we serve! Thank you for helping us continue to show Jesus through service—one backpack at a time.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sheboygan
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Children & Youth
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Sunday School: 9:30 AM service
AWANA Wednesday Night: 6:00 PM
Confirmation Wednesday Night: 6:00 PM
Youth Group Sunday Night: 5:30 PM

Early Childhood Center
ECC Phone: 920-467-6733
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(during school year)
Tuesday & Thursday:
9:00 - 11:30 AM or 12:30 - 3:00 PM

4K Class
(during school year)
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday:
8:30 - 11:30 AM

Child Care
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Ages 2 ½ - 5 years – call for drop-ins

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