

St. Paul's Lutheran Family, ELCA

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12th, 2021 Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The congregation is invited to reply in places where the **bold** print appears.

PRELUDE – Have Thine Own Way, Lord! By Adelaide A. Pollard (Instrumental)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

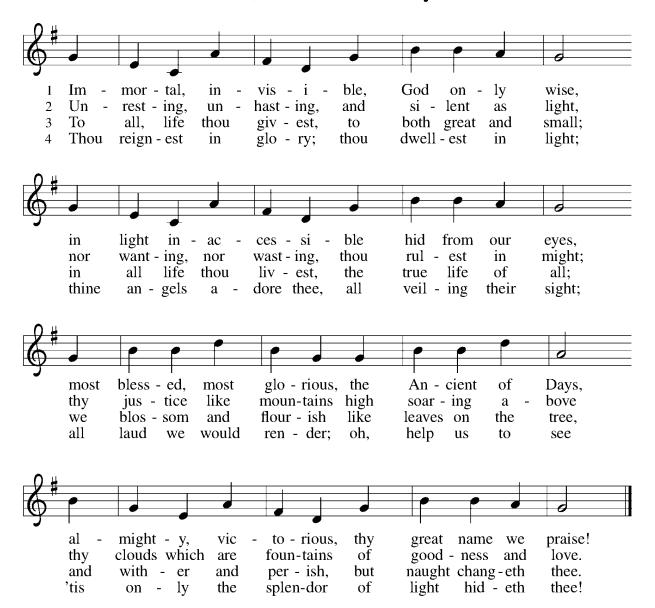
By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Hymn #834 vv. 1, 3, 4

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING: James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh.

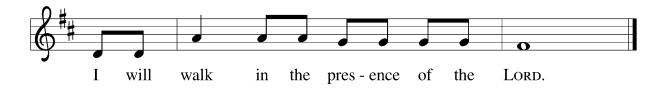
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A time of silence follows the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9

Refrain:



Psalm 116:9
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I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

¹I love the LORD, who has I heard my voice, and listened to my I supplication,

²for the LORD has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;

I came to I grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life." R

⁵Gracious is the [|] LORD and righteous; our God is full [|] of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent; I was brought low, | and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, [|] O my soul. for the LORD has dealt [|] well with you.

8For you have rescued my | life from death, my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence | of the LORD in the land | of the living. **R**

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON - Mr. Bill Ledford

A time of silence follows the Sermon.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters (*recent destructive events may be named here*). Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And with you, too.**

*Please share a sign of peace, maintaining physical distance (Pastor will demonstrate)





TITHES AND OFFERINGS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD

OFFERING HYMN: #184

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927 Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The table is set for Holy Communion.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

COMMUNION

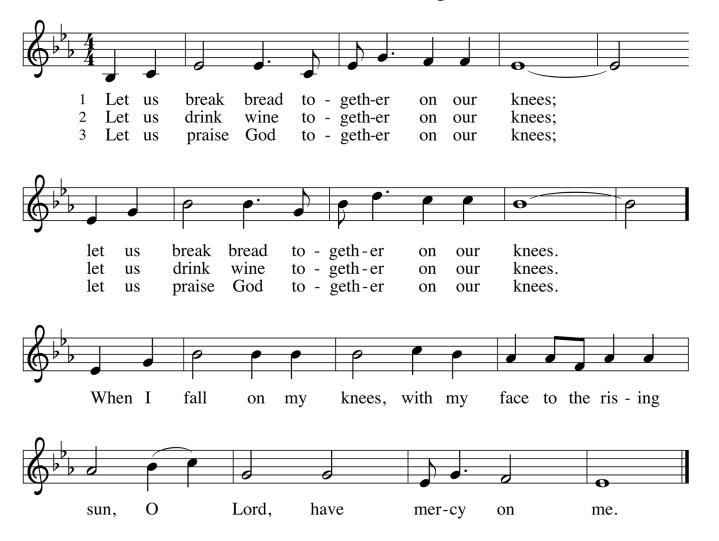
As we commune, we sing...



COMMUNION HYMNS

#471 All verses

Let Us Break Bread Together

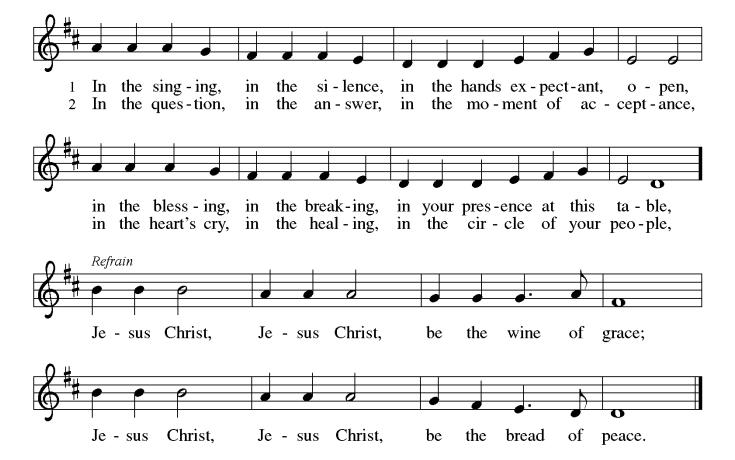


Text: African American spiritual

Music: Break Bread Together, African American spiritual

#466 Both verses

In the Singing



Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931 Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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#650 All verses

In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis ci ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



his ser - vice the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind. chil-dren All liv - ing God are of the sure - ly kin him through-out all Christ-lv souls are the whole wide earth. one in

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Hymn #733 All verses

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - This Little Light of Mine (Instrumental)

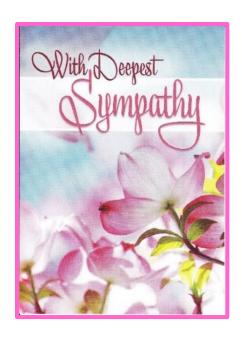
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We grieve with the family of Betty Thoreson and mourn her passing on Saturday, August 28th.

May her memory be a blessing!

Betty's service will be in the sanctuary on Saturday, October 9th at 11:00 a.m.

The family will host a reception off-site from the church after the service. Details will be provided when they become available.





Bill will be at St. Paul's from October through December as our "Ministry In Context" (MIC) student through Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Bill is also an advocate for LEAN (Lutheran Engagement & Advocacy in Nevada).

What is the "Ministry In Context" program?

The Ministry In Context course pairs seminary students with a congregation. As noted, Bill Ledford has been assigned to St. Paul's. The MIC course begins September 12th and runs through December. At the congregation, the MIC student observes and participates in the host site's ministry. The student puts in up to six (6) hours per week and involvement is not restricted to Sunday morning worship. He will attend/observe council meetings, committee/youth group meetings (as he is able), home visitations, and classes taught by the pastor (again, as he is able). That means, on average, Bill will be with us in worship **two (2) Sundays per month**. On the Sundays where Bill is not in worship, he will be actively involved in other congregational meetings and activities, up to <u>six hours per week</u>. Ministry In Context is a **learning experience**; the students learn about how a Lutheran congregation functions.

At the end of the MIC course, Bill will earn course credit toward graduation. Bill's course credit will be determined not just by the pastor, but from 3-4 laypeople who will meet with him, offer feedback, and help him with any questions or issues that may arise. Based upon the recommendation from the pastor and this group of lay people, the seminary will reward credit for the course.

ST. PAUL'S VITAL STATS



8/02/2021 - \$2,348.00

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8/05/2021 - \$200.00

8/06/2021 - \$410.00

8/08/2021 - \$2,167.00

8/29/2021 - \$3,729.00

Please help St. Paul's reach its weekly goals.

Offering amounts include budgetary receipts.

CONTRIBUTIONS

To meet our **2020-2021 budget**, we need average unrestricted donations of **\$4,719 per week.**

The Simply Giving Program is promoted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and administered by Vanco Payment Solutions.

If you are interested in using this service, or have any questions, please call Holly McPhail at 775 443-6639. You may also pick-up Thrivent forms at the church office.

"For it is in giving that we receive." St. Francis of Assisi

Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Ann Harris, kidney removal due to cancer, daughter of a long-time friend of Jim and Gayle Kennett, Ellen Harrell, a fall, Kathy Edwards, a wound on her leg, Stacy Akhtar (Kathy Edward's niece) COVID-19, Jason Wildblood, a diverticulitis cyst, Judy Lowther, a bad fall that injured



her arm and knee, Mary Burgeson and family, Glendanne Block, knee surgery, Gerry Kinder (nephew of Wayne and Cheryl Kinder and son of Julie Watt), massive heart attack, Mike Harrell (Dave and Ellen Harrell's son), COVID-19, son-in-law John Samp, a growth on his skull and spine, son-in-law Dan Ranger, melanoma, and daughter Vicki, Dan's wife, who has early onset dementia, Bev Steinert's son-in-law (Ken's brother) Larry, cancer, Betty Clamp, Hannelore Hanke, Frank Bartlett, Glenn Laursen, Edward Yoho, Madelene Yoho, Fern Yoho, Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister), Norman Brewer (Mary DeFelice's brother), Katherine, cancer (Susie Anderson's sister), Holly and Trevis (Requested by Deon Ferguson, a friend of St. Paul's), Richard Bradshaw, cancer (Ruth Fitzgerald's cousin), and a special prayer for all the victims of COVID-19, the earthquake in Haiti, Hurricane Ida, wildfire victims, members of the Armed Forces, and the people of Afghanistan.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR

Maxine Bowton, Wayne Opperman, Bill Sandell, Frank and Shirley Bartlett, Bev Gutzman, Sandy Danforth, Sarah Jevne, Carol Kalleres, continued health issues, Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues, James Wilson, continued health issues, Mary Ann Adamik, healing, Ellen Harrell, medical issues, Betty Razor, healing, Debbie Revelle, healing from severe heart and lung disease, Harold Nolte, Karen (Hone) Nolte, and Diana Johns.

If you no longer need to be on the prayer list, please let us know. We would like the prayer list names cleaned up by the end of Septmeber. Thank you! Please know that even if you aren't on the prayer list, you are always in our hearts and prayers.



Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Greeter – Vera Logie Reader – Carol Arneson

Usher - TBA

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Greeter - Nikki Rohrs

Reader - Holly McPhail

Usher – Dave Harrell

Acolyte – Clay Woslum

Counters - Nikki Rohrs and Deanna Fine

Live-streaming – Jay Olshen





SEPTEMBER

Sharon Melsheimer and Jeanne Russell



This Sunday's altar flowers are given by the Vera Logie in memory her husband, daughter, and grandsons.

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED!

Volunteers are urgently needed for Sunday worship services. Readers, greeters, camera operators (streaming), ushers, and more. Contact the church office today!

Thank you in advance for your help!

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton Greeters: Andrea Rud

victoriahamilton9@gmail.com askinnd@yahoo.com

Counters: Mary DeFelice Ushers: Dave Harrell

marenang@hotmail.com davidharrell93@yahoo.com

Readers: Judy McPhail

ROMAC1945@outlook.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH L.I.N.K. (Living In New Knowledge)



Faith L.I.N.K. begins this Sunday, September 12th at 9:15 a.m. with a gathering in Friendship Hall for Sunday school opening with worship and prayer.

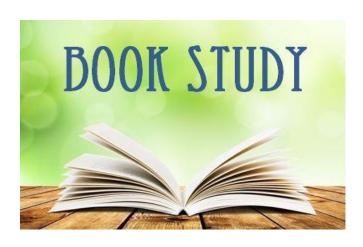
Children's Sunday school runs from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Chad leads adult Sunday school with Lectionary Bible study from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Book Study Class will begin in October.

In-person classes will be on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Zoom class times TBA.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.





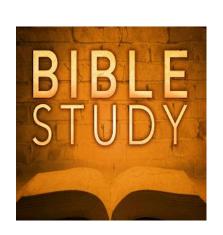
A New Members Class will also begin in October.

Date and time TBA.

If you want to become a Lutheran or simply refresh your knowledge of the faith, this class is for you.

Join the WELCA Bible Study group on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Vicki Hamilton leads this wonderful group. We look forward to seeing you there.





CAN YOU HELP?

Some of St. Paul's members need a ride to church and to activities.

If you're willing to give a ride occasionally to these folks, please call or email Pastor Chad or the church office for more information.

Bless you for your help!

Back to School Supplies are Still Needed.

The school supply list is posted in the narthex.

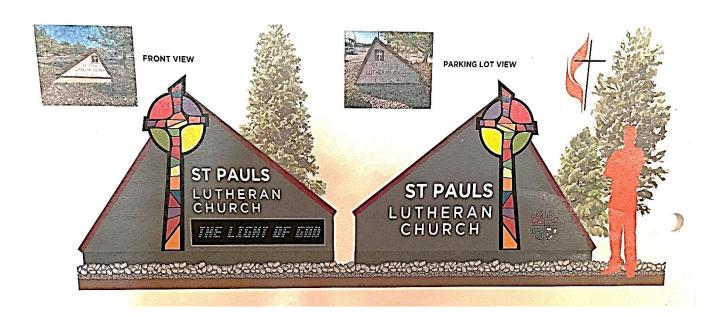
A basket in the entry way is provided for all your wonderful contributions!



If you are interested in becoming involved with the Christian Education Ministry,
Please contact Hope Chowanski.
Smtnktns@hotmail.com

READER BOARD CAMPAIGN

The campaign to raise funds for St. Paul's reader board is now underway! Please make your cheques out to St. Paul's and notate the funds are for the reader board. Thank you for your support!





Worship services are lived-streamed via YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lg



If you would like to pick up communion packets for online worship services, you can do so Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Pastor Chad's Office Hours

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Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Pastor Chad is in the office when
the office assistant works from home.
Other times are available by appointment.



Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Our office assistant will work from home on Thursday and Friday.

STITCHERS meet in Friendship Hall the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. to noon.





Newsletter articles are due
each month by the 20th
unless otherwise noted.
Please feel free to contribute to
your church's monthly newsletter.
Please send your articles in a
Word document, 12 pt. Arial font to the
church office via email:
stpaulcarson@gmail.com

You can also bring your article to the church office.

Thanks!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Raelynn Norman (niece of Judy McPhail), Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail), Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee, Olivia Lesperance, John Duffy (nephew of Sharon and Tom Gesick), Justin Snowden, and Bryce Stimpka.

FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, Michael Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

NEED HELP?

Are you in need of yard work, help around the house, your car washed, etc.?

Then contact Traci Angel at 775 721-5495.

The Youth Group kids need to raise money throughout the year to attend Mount Cross Camp next summer.



