

HEROES OF FAITH



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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St. Paul's EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

St Paul's Mission Statement: "St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to support each other with God's Word and sacraments, share Christ with our community and the world, and serve others in Christian love."

Welcome to worship at St. Paul's!

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

Our summer worship series is entitled "The Heroes of Faith." Hebrews 11 provides us with many examples of how God's chosen people were blessed by the Holy Spirit with a strong saving faith. Their faith was evident in the way they lived their lives. During these summer months we'll be encouraged as we remember that "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

Gideon is included in a list of names that is easy to pass by. Gideon also led out a small group of soldiers to fight a ferocious enemy. At times, we may feel small and insignificant both in this world but also in God's family of believers. This week, that's ok because the Lord often uses seemingly insignificant people and things to accomplish his saving purposes. This was certainly true for Gideon. Even greater than that, it's true when we marvel at our Savior and what God accomplished through his cross.

Heroes of Faith: Gideon

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Divine Service I

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: CW 236, verses 1-3, 5

"All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

All praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev'ry sorrow stills—
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; oh, thank him, thank our God with me—
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord will not forsake his flock, his chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band—
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness.
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord my God did all things well—
To God all praise and glory!

STAND

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

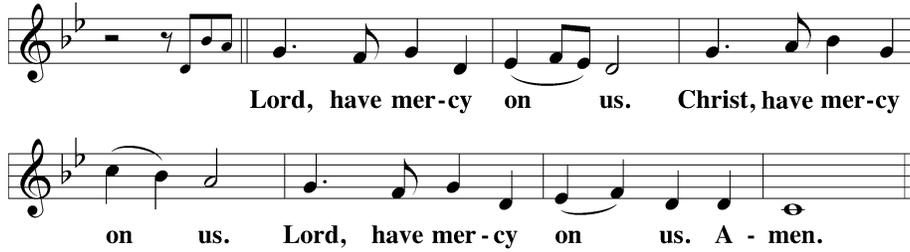
Congregation: *(spoken)* Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: CW 399, verse 1

"To God Be the Glory"

**To God To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(spoken)* **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (spoken) Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON:

Judges 7:1-22, 8:11-12

The Lord gives Gideon a miraculous victory over the Midianites.

Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. ²The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.' ³Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

⁴But the LORD said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

⁵So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink." ⁶Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

⁷The LORD said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home." ⁸So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites home but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others.

Now the camp of Midian lay below him in the valley. ⁹During that night the LORD said to Gideon, "Get up, go down against the camp, because I am going to give it into your hands. ¹⁰If you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah ¹¹and listen to what they are saying. Afterward, you will be encouraged to attack the camp." So he and Purah his servant went down to the outposts of the camp. ¹²The Midianites, the Amalekites and all the other eastern peoples had settled in the valley, thick as locusts. Their camels could no more be counted than the sand on the seashore.

¹³Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. "I had a dream," he was saying. "A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed."

¹⁴His friend responded, "This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands."

¹⁵When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The LORD has given the Midianite camp into your hands." ¹⁶Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.

¹⁷"Watch me," he told them. "Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. ¹⁸When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'"

¹⁹Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!" ²¹While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.

²²When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath.

¹¹Gideon went up by the route of the nomads east of Nobah and Jogbehah and attacked the unsuspecting army. ¹²Zebah and Zalmunna, the two kings of Midian, fled, but he pursued them and captured them, routing their entire army.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL:

Luke 7:18-28

When we have doubts, we need to focus our faith on the Lord and his power to save.

¹⁸John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, ¹⁹he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

²⁰When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'"

²¹At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. ²²So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ²³Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

²⁴After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ²⁵If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. ²⁶But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 431, verses 1, 5, 6

"I Walk in Danger all the Way"

I walk in danger all the way;
The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares

If e'er I fail to watch and pray;
I walk in danger all the way.
My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When you farewell can gladly say
To all your sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When you farewell can gladly say
To all your sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

SERMON LESSON:

Hebrews 11:1-2, 32-35

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³²And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

Heroes of Faith: Gideon

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

BE SEATED

GATHER THE THANKOFFERING

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!

1. Online giving – visit our website, www.stpaulsonalaska.org and click “Give.”
2. Text giving – text the amount you wish to give starting with the dollar sign to [608-371-6891](tel:608-371-6891).
3. If you prefer to mail your offering envelope, please send to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, P.O Box 128, Onalaska, WI 54650



STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(spoken)* And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the top line of each staff, with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G: (*spoken*) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

SONG:

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;**

Hold me with thy pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



The musical score for the Song of Simeon is written in a single system with five staves. It begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el." The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: *(spoken)* **And his mercy endures forever.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: CW 321 vv. 1 & 4

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

**Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.**

**Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



This Week at St. Paul's: August 30, 2020

In Our Prayers:

- ❖ 96th Birthday—Harlan Yahnke (8/30)
- ❖ 68th Wedding Anniversary—Dorothy and Harlan Yahnke (9/3).

Fall Bible Class Options

Thank you to those who filled out the online survey regarding our Fall Bible Class options. Below is a list of the different classes taking place this Fall. Some classes will be through Zoom and other classes will meet in person. The ones that meet in-person will practice social distancing. If you plan to attend a class, please sign-up at our website: www.stpaulsonalaska.org.

Zoom Adult Bible Class Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (starts September 16)

Pastor Krause will be teaching a class on Ephesians. The Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesian congregation is a gem for spiritual growth and encouragement! In this study we'll have opportunity to discuss what God says about election, about salvation by grace apart from works, the unity of the Church, the public ministry, Christian living, marriage and family life, and the armor of God.

Zoom Adult Bible Class Wednesdays at 8:30 pm (starts September 16)

Pastor Ehlike will be teaching a class on Christian vocation and all the different ways we serve God in our lives. We'll be reminded that we serve the Lord not only at church but in every calling that God has placed us in. This class is open to all but is being offered with parents in mind who may find a class after the kids go to bed to be more manageable. This class will start around 8 or 8:30 pm depending on what works with people's schedules and will last around 45 minutes.

Zoom & In-Person Women's Bible Class Mondays at 4 pm (resumes September 14)

Wendy Schibbelhut will be teaching a class on 2 Timothy. This class will have both an in-person and zoom option.

In-Person Starting Point Class Mondays at 6:30 pm (starts September 14)

Pastor Olson is going to be starting another session of his Starting Point Class on September 14th at 6:30 pm, in-person, at St. Paul's. We will be covering the fundamentals of Christianity (What does the bible say about: Judgment day, angels and demons, baptizing infants, close communion, sex, abortion, heaven and hell, how do we know we are going to heaven?, other denominations, etc). If you know someone who doesn't belong to a church, please invite them to this class. In fact, offer to take it with them! If you are looking for a review of Christianity, please come. If you haven't taken a bible study in a while, this would be a blessing to your faith. If you haven't taken a bible study since you were confirmed in 8th grade, I would strongly recommend this class. If you want to take this class but are looking for a virtual option please call Pastor Olson. He will gladly do so. Please contact Pastor Olson if you'd like to

take this class so that he can secure a room big enough so that we can be socially distant. (dolson@stpaulsonalaska.org; 608-797-5793).

Zoom Women's Bible Class Thursday 6:30 am

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Class will be studying the Gospel of Mark. If interested, you can contact Jan Westerman or sign-up with the link above.

In-Person Saturday Men's Bible Class

The Saturday Men's Bible Class continues to meet at the Kwik Trip just north of church on Sandlake Rd. If interested, please contact Steve Loehr or sign-up with the link above.

Classes to Be Determined

A few of our regular women's Bible classes are still deciding whether to meet and how to meet. We'll provide information if these classes end up happening.

Women's Bible Class Tuesdays at 9 am

Women's Bible Class Wednesday afternoon

St. Paul's Ministry Update

Holy Communion Safety:

We understand the power and the importance of the Lord's Supper. For that reason, we want to continue to offer it in as safe a way as possible. Those who have been distributing the Lord's Supper, wear masks, wash their hands in the back of church and when they come up they also use hand sanitizer. It was suggested that those who distribute the bread should also use gloves. That additional safety measure will take place this weekend. We pray this will cause you to think about the spiritual benefits of the Lord's Supper and not worry about the virus.

Worship:

We continue to offer in-person worship services Thursdays at 6:30 pm, Saturdays at 5:00 pm, and Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:15 am (gym), and 10:30 am. We are asking people to sign-up so we are able to keep our sanctuary at 25% capacity. You can sign-up by going to our website: www.stpaulsonalaska.org/. You will also be able to see how many people have signed up for the service. The 8:00 am typically is full (115 sign ups). All the other services have plenty of room.

Masks and Love:

A few weeks ago Gov. Evers issued a mask mandate for the State of Wisconsin. The 4th commandment urges us to honor and respect our governing authorities. Therefore, we will follow that mask mandate in our church for worship and any other indoor church activities. At the same time, realize that there may be some people either in our church or other indoor places in our communities who may not be wearing mask for various reasons. There are a number of exceptions to this mask mandate. If a person is not wearing a mask, don't ask and don't judge. There are a number of reasons that a person may not be able to wear a mask at all or for an extended period of time. If you are a person who is not able to wear a mask for whatever reason, know that you are welcome in our worship services.

Online Worship Options:

We will continue to Livestream our 8:00 am worship services on [our website](#). You can also access our Livestream through our [Youtube channel](#). Services are always archived on both our website and our YouTube channel.

A Ministry Plan for September-December 2020

What will our gospel ministry look like this fall and early winter at St. Paul's during these uncertain times of pandemic? Our pastors have put together a plan which has been approved by our church council. It outlines the opportunities we'll have to "let the Word of Christ dwell in (us) richly" (Colossians 3:16) as we cope with COVID-19.

Please follow this [link](#) to learn more.

St. Paul's Lutheran School Update:

St. Paul's school opened on its regularly scheduled dates offering both in-person and synchronous virtual instruction. 7th and 8th grades started on Tuesday, August 25. All grades started school on Wednesday, August 26.

Immediate Need for Educational Assistants & Surround Care Support

St. Paul's Lutheran School is blessed to partner with parents in the Christian education of their children. At this time we are seeking to expand our staff of classroom educational assistants as well as our Surround Care staff to support our school operations during the pandemic. Educational assistants would work primarily within a classroom each school day. We are also looking for Surround Care staff to support our before-school care, which could be as early as 6 am if parents request.

Requirements

- **Minimum high school diploma**
- **Ability to work professionally and proficiently in a dynamic, diversified setting**
- **A desire to actively support the mission, vision, and objectives of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**

The positions could range from as little as 10 hours per week (morning Surround Care) to as much as 38 hours per week (classroom Educational Assistants).

A position description is available upon request. Please contact info@stpaulsonalaska.org or call 608-783-4822 for information.

Applications are available in the school office. Resumes would be accepted in place of an application. Interviews will be scheduled as soon as possible, and positions will be filled as qualified individuals apply.

Volunteers Needed

With the opening of school just around the corner, we are striving to provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff. In order to accomplish this, every morning before they enter the building, each student will have to have their temperature taken at a screening station. Our goal is to have four screening stations, two by the gym doors and two by the church entrance. We are in need of an adult volunteer at each station.

Therefore, we are asking you to consider volunteering to be a screener. The screener would have to arrive at 7:15 am. The screening will start at 7:30 and go until approximately 8:15 am. As the routine is established, we hope the screening times will shorten.

Each screener will be supplied with a face shield (if you wish), a mask, gloves, thermometer, clipboard, and hand sanitizer. On a clipboard, there will be a list of families that will have completed a self screening app prior to arrival at school.

The volunteer screener will: 1) take the temperature of the child 2) check off the family's name for the app.

If you can spare one day a week or every two weeks, that would be greatly appreciated. To sign up to help, please click on the [Sign-Up Genius link](#) or call the school office at 608.783.2552 ext. 0.

If you have any questions, contact Betty Van Loon – bvanloon@stpaulsonalaska.org or 608-783-7962.

Church News

PRAYER CHAIN

Our prayer chain at St. Paul's is going to be restarted. Every week the prayers spoken in church are sent via email and additional prayers are added for those who didn't want their prayer spoken publicly in worship. If you'd like to receive the weekly prayer chain emails, or if you'd like to submit a prayer to the prayer chain please contact Judy Peterson at prayerchain@stpaulsonalaska.org.

CARING CHRISTIANS MENTAL HEALTH

Caring Christians Mental Health will meet at First Lutheran in La Crosse on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm. The topic will be: Dealing with anxiety during the Covid crisis.

RECOVERY IN CHRIST

Recovery in Christ has a small in-person meeting each Sunday 6:00-7:00 pm. Recovery in Christ is a Christian support group for those overcoming addiction. Masks are required and social distancing is practiced. Please do not attend if you do not feel well. For more information call Pastor Bill Bader, 608.567.3038.

HIRING PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

St. Paul's is looking to hire a part-time custodian to help with cleaning and other custodial duties. Hours may vary, depending on the season and need of the school. We are looking to fill this position before the start of school. Interested applicants may contact Operations Manager, Lydia Walter at 608-783-2552, ext. 233 for more information.

TECH VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

We're looking for several volunteers who would be willing to help out on our sound board and live stream teams. Training will be provided! If you would be interested in this, please contact Wendy Schibbelhut at wschibbelhut@stpaulsonalaska.org.

SCRIP ORDERING

If you would like to purchase SCRIP cards you can email Katy Miller at kmiller@stpaulsonalaska.org to place an order. Orders can be picked up in the Church office Monday through Friday, 8 am to 1 pm.

Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:

Thankoffering given last week: \$ 16,603 (\$23,004 needed to meet weekly budget)

Blessings Received by Offerings to Date: \$ 193,886

8/23/2020 Anticipated Financial (offering needed for ministry): \$ 184,034

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