



Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions.



Does prayer really make a difference?

"I must not be asking God for the right things."

"If only I could concentrate better when I pray."

"Maybe God is not really listening after all."

If these are thoughts that ever cross your mind or settle in your heart, then maybe you are asking the question, "Does prayer really work?" Maybe you have been praying for a long time and have not received the answer you wanted or felt that there hasn't been any change.

Well, there is good news. Prayer really does make a difference. There are two reasons for this. First, prayer does not depend on us. If answers to our prayers depended on us, we would never have our prayers answered, because as sinful people God would not listen to us. That might hurt our feelings, but it is the truth.

That leads to the subsequent reason why prayer makes a difference. It depends upon God. In the Bible, we read this little prayer, "Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief" (Psalm 143:1). The

person who spoke this prayer recognized that it was God's faithfulness on which the answer to his request depended.

God's faithfulness was demonstrated when he kept his promise to send us Jesus. In saving love, Jesus died to pay for our sins that had separated us from God and had closed his ears to our prayers. Jesus' perfect sacrifice opens the way to God and gives believers in Jesus the gracious promise that their prayers are heard and answered.

If you are struggling with prayer—if you don't know what to pray for, or how to pray—worship with us to hear more about your Savior, Jesus, and the difference he makes for your prayers. Because of Jesus, prayer really does work. We have his Word on it.

~Pastor Matthew Holtz

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Our 8am Sunday services are on facebook live and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM.

New Series Begins 6/12: GOD'S WORDS POSSESS GOD'S POWER "Let there be light," God said (Genesis 1:3). God was not speaking a wistful wish into the darkness. He was declaring what would now be. "God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." God speaks and reality results. When we speak words, they are often meaningless. Sometimes, one's words are meaningless because they are spoken without true knowledge. Other times, one's words are meaningless because they were spoken insincerely. Still other times, one might make a sincere promise, but he lacks the ability to do what he said, making his promise meaningless. Words are often meaningless. But everything God says is meaningful. God speaks with absolute knowledge. God never lies. And God's words possess God's awesome power. Thus, it is God's words that determine our reality. It is God's words that establish our faith, transform our hearts and minds, and direct our lives along meaningful paths. During the first half of the Church Year, we focused on the life of Christ. As we begin the second half of the Church Year, we turn our attention to the teachings of Christ... to the Son of God's words. We gather each week to let the Holy Spirit do the work Jesus promised he would do in the way Jesus promised he would do it—through his Word.

6/5, 6/6 Pentecost – The Spirit Marches Victorious Through the Word

6/12, 6/13 Holy Trinity – Through the Word, The Triune God Blesses Us

6/19, 6/20 Proper 7 – Through the Word, the Lord Crushes Evil

6/26, 6/27 Proper 8 – Through the Word, Christ Creates Committed Followers

Official Acts

Forever with the Lord:

Carol Hoppe departed this life on May 3rd, 2022 at the age of 77 years, 2 months, and 27 days.

Janice Beyersdorf departed this life on May 15th, 2022 at the age of 85 years, 7 months, and 11 days.

Harold Sievert Jr. departed this life on May 16th, 2022 at the age of 94 years, 4 months, and 16 days.

Children Confirmed:

Haidyn Berger	Lucas Hansen
Kody Holtz	Caleb Huth
Brynnlee Jeffries	Lillian Kraus
Joseph McGinley	Wyatt Schlueter
Julia Toppe	Ella Uhlenbrauck
Alyssa Wachtendonk	Steele Wilson

Transfer Out:

Lucas Hansen

Released:

Adam Sievert	Bailey Laux
Elizabeth Corbisier	Lucas Corbisier
Janet Bartol	Abigail Bartol
Samuel Bartol	

Baptized:

Remi Paschen, daughter of Tucker & Emily Paschen

Financials through April 30th, 2022

	Apr.	July – Apr.
Income	\$ 165,159	\$ 1,955,320
Expense	\$ 183,197	\$ 1,967,030
Behind / Ahead	\$ -18,038	\$ -11,708

All bills are paid; all obligations are met.

School News

Mission Statement:

Using God's Word as our guide, St. Paul Lutheran School will raise up future generations of Christians in our community by assisting parents in the Christian teaching of their children and by striving for excellence in all areas of instruction.

Call News: Mr. Matthew Ivan has accepted the divine call to serve as 6th grade homeroom teacher and upper-grades' science teacher for the upcoming school year. God certainly is great to us at St. Paul! Mr. Ivan plans to relocate to the Fox Valley early July to begin planning with us for the 2022-2023 school year.

THANK YOU! On behalf of the faculty, staff, parents, and students of St. Paul Lutheran School, we thank you for your continued support of your school! We thank you for

the dedication, support, and prayers that you have for your school as you also utilize your time, talents, and treasures for your school. May the LORD continue to bless our partnership as we train Jesus' little lambs for Time and Eternity at our school.

Summer Email Communications: Parents/Guardians of St. Paul Lutheran School for the 2022-2023 school year, please look for a summer email communication from Mr. Kelley that will come out late June/early July. This communication will have all the necessary items for you to complete for the upcoming school year. Our back-to-school worship service will be held on August 21 at 9:30AM with school registration afterward. The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 24.

LWMS

LWMS Bulletin Board Pocket ~ Fun, easy way to support our Befriend a Mission program (BAM): Check out the NEW Summer birthday/anniversary cards available in the LWMS Bulletin Board Pocket in the church basement. The cards are selected for the occasion and contain the Missionary's name (or one of his family members), the date of the birthday or anniversary, and a short description about the person you will be sending to. Consider taking a card to send and bring a smile to a World or Home Missionary typically serving far away from their family.

Have a blessed summer, and think about attending our LWMS gathering on Thursday, September 15, 2022. St. Paul is excited to host the LWMS Spring Rally on Saturday, April 22, 2023 and will begin making plans for this fun event for women in our Paperland Circuit!

"...Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

A message from Susan and Paul Nitz, One Team World Missions Counselor, Waukesha, Wisconsin:

Transitions can be hard. And when you add the complications of a global pandemic, you can imagine that the challenge of repatriating after 27 years on a mission field certainly increases. From 1993 to 2020 we lived in Malawi, raising our six children and serving alongside the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. God blessed us richly throughout those challenging and exciting years, watching the gospel ministry grow. In 2020, Paul accepted a call to serve as the One Team World Mission Counselor, working in the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry. His new role is to guide and support world mission teams and field coordinators as they make long-range plans for spreading the gospel around the world. With God's guiding hand, we are putting down new roots in the USA, firmly founded on his faithful promises.

Mother/Daughter Banquet Follow Up

The 'Let Your Heart Sing' banquet was held on May 10 and we hope all who attended enjoyed the evening. Our attendance was about 60. There were many delicious potluck items to taste and savor. The 7-8th grade bell choir provided the entertainment and did a marvelous job. Two moms helped fill out the group due to two students who couldn't attend. Thank you to the kids, moms and Dina Dietzler. Thanks to all the committee members who helped get this event organized, set up and cleaned up: Tammie Collier, Sandi Dunsirn, Joyce Malueg, Marilyn McCarthy, Elaine Parodo, Carol Rehberg, Linda/Glen Zimmerman, Janet/Brian Hopfensberger, Vicki Sheldon. We hope more moms, grandmoms, daughters, aunts, nieces and friends will join us next year on May 9, 2023.

St. Paul Brat Fry, Rummage & Outreach Event

We're excited to share that we're once again going to host a Rummage & Outreach event, complete with a Brat fry. The change? This year we're going to extend the sale TWO days! **Dates:** Friday & Saturday, June 3 & 4, 8am – 4pm
How can you help?

Donations: You can begin bringing your donations to the back of the stage in the gym starting Friday, May 6. Please, no large appliances or tube TV's. **Please sort your donations by category, meaning kids' clothes in one bag/box, men's in another, etc. This will help for easier set up.

Volunteers: We will need volunteers to help sort, price and set up the rummage sale, as well as volunteers to work the brat fry. Please contact Ann Pfefferle at 920-450-5530 or ABPfefferle@gmail.com to volunteer or for any questions.

Let's Welcome Pastor Shrum and His Family!

June 12th will be the installation of our new pastor. A potluck is planned after the second service to meet, greet and welcome him, his wife Stacy, and their son, Judah. You are all invited - we hope many can attend!



ECC Update

The ECC is wrapping up another 3K/4K school year and we have so many blessings to count!

- We completed the basement project, allowing us to add another classroom and provide space for the school age program. This gift allows us to better serve the needs of the families around us!
- God has blessed us with record growth this year. Our enrollment jumped with the addition of another classroom and reaching full capacity in all rooms for the first time ever.
- God gave us a hard working staff to get us through times of low unemployment and worker shortages everywhere. These ladies continued to put in long days and extra time to make sure the needs of the ECC were met.
- God blessed our center with overall good health. While we saw classroom closures due to covid exposures and we experienced the usual illnesses, we still fared better than many other places and we saw health restored to our ECC family.
- God allowed new staff to come to us just in the moments we needed them the most. While we have several open positions that will need to be filled before fall, we are thankful for who he has supplied us with.

The ECC is continually blessed by the support from each and every one of you. Thank you! God's continued blessings to all of you this summer!

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church and School Project Wish List

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| 1. Small Playground Improvements | ? |
| 2. Refinish Pews | \$40,000 |
| 3. Classroom doors | \$29,000 |
| 4. Loan payoff | \$253,616 |
| 5. School Bathroom Remodel | ? |

Any donations (large or small) given toward these items is greatly appreciated. Some of these items/projects have been purchased/completed and we are looking for members to help in covering any part of the costs involved. For a closer look at these items as well as giving options, including 'Easy Tithe', please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#).

FVL News

FVL is accepting applications for 3 positions - Facilities, Custodial, and Admissions Assistants. Go to fvlhs.org/about/employment for details.

International Students need host families to be able to attend FVL in 2022-23. Contact Monica Uhlenbrauck (muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org).

Summer Camp registration is open (for students entering 4K-9). Go to fvlhs.org/youth-sports for info.

Watch for the FVL band in the Appleton Memorial Day Parade on May 30!