



# ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

## Weekly News

*Altar Guild 8/17, 8/18: M. Reichel, V. Sheldon*

*Greeters Next Week: 8am – D. & B. Zunker*

*9:30 – S. Boettcher, M. Fay*

*6pm – M. McCarthy, J. Kaepernick*

**Church Cleaners:** R. & C. Hankwitz, M. Selig, E. Parado

**Attendance Last Week: 252**

**In memory of** Vera Krueger, \$1,000 has been given toward the school doors project from family and friends.

**In honor of** their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on August 11<sup>th</sup>, \$1,000 has been given toward the parking lot fund and \$1,000 to the operating fund from Duane & Joyce Matz.

### Weekly Church Calendar

#### **Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

#### **Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

6:30 p.m. LES Board Meeting

#### **Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup>**

2:30 p.m. Sunshine club @ Rennes

4:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

#### **Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. School Regis. Day

11:30 a.m. School Gathering @  
City Park

#### **Monday August 18<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. ECC Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Altar Guild Help Needed:** The Altar Guild is in need of a few more members to assist with the set up and clean up of Communion. There are no weekly or monthly meetings. If interested or would like to know more, please contact Julie Kaepernick at (920) 428-4738, or reach out to the Parish Office.

**A New Facilities Work Request form** is now in the Church Center App. All congregation members and staff are encouraged to use this form to report Church, School, and ECC maintenance and repair issues. Using this form will log the issue on our task list, and route the issue to the correct person for corrective action. We will also be able to contact you if more information is needed.

To use the form in the Church Center App, select Requests, select Facilities Work Request, complete the form, and hit the submit button. If you need assistance with the Church Center App, please contact the Parish Office.

**School Door Replacement:** The interior doors of the school will be replaced mid-August. If you are interested in taking any of the old doors, they are FREE. Please contact Perry Abitz or Curt Jacobson if interested (facilities@stpaulappletonwi.com).

**St. Paul ECC is now hiring** a full time infant/toddler assistant teacher position as well as 2 full time floater positions. Benefits include a health insurance option, paid time off, reduced child care rates, flexible schedule, and a competitive hourly wage. For more information, please contact ECC Director Candy Schulz at [cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com).



## **FVL News**

**Check the online calendar** ([fvlhs.org/calendar](http://fvlhs.org/calendar)) for summer **School Office and SCRIP hours**. Both offices have reduced hours and are closed on Fridays. Regular office hours resume August 18.

**Join us for the No Frills Golf Classic** on Monday, October 6. This year, proceeds will benefit Safe Families for Children (SFFC) Wisconsin and FVL IMPACT trips. Go to [fvlhs.org/no-frills](http://fvlhs.org/no-frills) for details.

**Youth Sports opportunity** to participate in a cheer and stunt clinic on Sept. 13 (girls 5K-8). Go to [fvlhs.org/youth-sports](http://fvlhs.org/youth-sports) for information.

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study – 1 & 2 Peter: Living Hope in a Hard World** This 10-session Bible Class will dig deep into the books of 1 & 2 Peter and will remind us that God does not abandon us in our suffering. Through the themes of suffering, the transformative power of God, spiritual authority, false teachers, and the last days, Peter directs us to the God who is faithful in our trials, working them for his glory and for our good.

Our group will meet every Tuesday morning (**starting Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>**) at 10 a.m. in the church basement. Contact Kathy Schultz (schultzkathy48@gmail.com) if you plan to attend this Bible Class or sign up on the Church app. Click on "More" then "Groups" then "Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study."

### **New Starting Point Class Beginning 9/7**

Whether you're brand new to the Bible, exploring Christianity for the first time, or simply looking for a solid refresher, Starting Point is the perfect place to begin.

This 8-week course offers a welcoming, no-pressure environment to ask questions, discover what the Bible says, and learn the core truths of the Christian faith. We'll cover topics like:

- Who is God?
- Why do we need a Savior?
- What is grace?
- How does faith grow?
- Why the Bible can be trusted

Classes begin Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 in the School Learning Center and run weekly for 8 sessions. Each meeting lasts about an hour and includes discussion, guided study, and practical application.

### **Fall Weekday Bible Class - Quick to Listen**

Evolutionists, atheists, Bible skeptics, and LGBTQ people. For many Christians, these groups can seem intimidating, strange, unknowable, or even, regrettably, hard to love. The book *Quick to Listen* pulled back the curtain on these challenging worldviews and offered a glimpse into the minds of such unbelievers and skeptics. This Bible study builds on those insights, offering practical tools to reach these groups with compassion and humility as we show them Jesus. It prepares you to relay the true love of God—a forgiving love that goes far deeper than mere tolerance or cultural approval—and shows you how to love them in that way too.

This six-session Bible Class will be offered on Wednesday nights (starting September 3<sup>rd</sup>) at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday mornings (starting September 4<sup>th</sup>) at 9:15 a.m. Both classes will meet in the church basement. Contact one of the pastors if you plan to attend one of these classes or sign up on the Church App. Click on “More” then “Groups” then “Wednesday Night Bible Class” or “Thursday Morning Bible Class.”

### **Fall Sunday Bible Class – The Word Endures Forever: Lessons from Luther Yesterday & Today**

In this Bible study, we will explore key truths from God's Word as echoed by Martin Luther during the Reformation era. By discovering the ways in which Luther taught these principles to the people of his day, we will better understand the faith of the famous reformer and grow in our knowledge of doctrines that still root the Christian faith today.

This eight-session Bible Class will be offered on Sunday mornings (starting September 7<sup>th</sup>) at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement.

## **Welcome to Our New Teacher, Mr. Jason Dutcher!**

I was raised in Balaton, MN, where I attended Balaton Public School until 2001. Subsequently, I relocated to Wood Lake, MN and continued my education at Lakeview Public School in Cottonwood, MN, graduating in 2010. I earned a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Communication Arts, and Literature from Martin Luther College in 2014.



My career began in 2016 when I entered the ministry as a 2nd-4th grade teacher at Mt. Olive Lutheran School in Overland Park, KS. For the 2017-2018 academic year, I taught 1st-2nd grade at St. John's Lutheran School in Lake City, MN. From 2018-2023, I served at Good Shepherd Academy in Deltona, FL, instructing students across multiple grade levels. In 2023, I joined Zion Lutheran School in Hartland, WI, teaching 3rd-4th grade and subsequently 2nd-3rd grade in 2024. I am now honored to serve as the 4th grade teacher at St. Paul. I look forward to working with students and families in the school community.

A favored Bible verse of mine is John 14:6: "Jesus answered, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

**Gift Cards for Mr. Dutcher:** Our new 4th Grade teacher, Mr. Jason Dutcher, will be installed into that teaching position during the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 17. One way we are welcoming Mr. Dutcher is by coordinating a Gift Card Shower for him. Bring your Gift Cards to the church or the school on Sunday, August 17. Place the gift cards in the baskets at the Church Information Desk in the entryway or in the School Gymnasium. You can also drop off the gift cards in the school office during normal business hours this week. Don't forget, you can utilize our School SCRIP program to purchase gift cards.

## **Council Report to Congregation - July 2025**

**Financial Status:** We finished our fiscal year at the end of June with some great news. The fiscal year finished with nearly a \$114,000 surplus - God has certainly blessed us. This was largely due to expenses being lower than planned. Church offerings came in just slightly above our budgeted amount (by 0.28%), which was reduced from prior years due to ongoing declining church offerings. Also, our support for WELS and Fox Valley Lutheran High School was reduced this past fiscal year. When we look back at the previous fiscal year, we finished that year with a deficit of nearly \$120,000. So, for the two years together we still had slight deficit spending of nearly \$6,000.

Your Trustee's are working on a proposal to manage the surplus, which will be brought before the Voters assembly for approval.

Thank the Lord for the blessing of this past year's surplus, which brought our last two years close to an overall balanced budget.

### **Project Status Report:**

**Kindergarten Room Flooring** – was installed in June, and the project is complete. Project Cost - \$8,536.81. Gifts Received - \$140.

**ECC Project** – installation is currently in progress, with doors and drywall already installed, and drywall finishing and painting in progress.

Project Cost Budget - \$9,000. Gifts Received - \$6,190.

**Parking Lot Paving** – the final permit application was submitted to the city, pending approval. Tentative installation is currently targeting the second week of August. Project Cost Budget - \$90,000. Gifts Received - \$15,511.

**School Doors** – Delivery is anticipated in early August, with installation to immediately follow. Project Cost Budget - \$42,000. Gifts Received - \$24,854.0

## Properties Report - July 2025

**Parking lot:** A storm water plan is needed for the city permit. Work is underway by Hebert Associates and will be completed around the end of June/early July. The city permit approval process should go quickly at that point. Wolf River asphalt stands by to do the work when the permit is issued. We plan to have Mi-T Fence remove our fence for the paving process. Upon reinstallation the fence posts will be leveled. The additional costs so far are approximately \$6,500.

**ECC Modifications:** Wall modifications and framing are completed. The door frames are on site. The doors were delivered on Friday, June 27. Installation will take place after hours on Friday and during the weekend. The cost has increased \$2,320 due to project scope changes and improvements.

**School Doors:** We will not have the doors until approximately August 7 or 8. School starts August 20<sup>th</sup>. Part of the problem is all the schools order their doors in the summer, and the suppliers get overwhelmed. Our supplier will make every effort to complete all the work before school starts. There will be a cost increase due to requesting vestibule doors with larger windows.

**Kindergarten Flooring:** Installation is complete with no changes to the original plan.

### **Other updates:**

- The School Work Day was held May 31. We had 10 volunteers. Focused on grounds clean up, tree trimming, and grass planting.
- The lawn mowing team is in full swing and doing a great job again.
- We were blessed to have Curt Jacobson start as our new Facilities Coordinator on May 27<sup>th</sup>. He has a significant task and learning curve to become familiar with all his duties. He is off to a strong start!
- Grade 8 floor is not holding up well. In discussion with House of Flooring for possible solutions.
- The ECC water heater was leaking and had to be replaced. Work was accomplished on June 14 by Besch Plumbing for \$1,670. Curt arranged everything and met the plumber on Saturday.
- The floor in the ECC exterior storage room is failing and leaking through to the subfloor. It will need to be repaired soon.
- Had a meeting with Chris Thiel to start work on the ECC proactive maintenance and replacement plan. (this is a rock) After Curt settles in, I will ask for his help with the same for the school and Church building.
- In the process of obtaining new conference room furniture. We have new tables and still need new chairs.

# Welcome

**In an age of anxiety** we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**In an age of confusion** we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

**In an age of doubt** we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

**In an age of guilt** we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

**In an age of reason** we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

**In an age of change** we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

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