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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Martin Luther said about the Sacrament of the Altar, “This sacrament is the Gospel.” In the Sacrament of the Altar we encounter the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our salvation. The Divine Service every Sunday reaches its culmination in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar. The entire second half of the service has been constructed in a way that centers on Christ present for us in his body and blood.

It is not surprising therefore that children take notice of the Sacrament and want to receive the body and blood of Christ. Or at least it shouldn't be. I have learned that when you teach and preach about the Sacrament, children want to receive it. It is not as if they are any less able to understand the gift. It is after all a mystery that we all receive in faith. Based on what our Lord has said about children and faith, they may even find it easier to believe than adults.

We teach about and emphasize the Sacrament. Children learn about the Sacrament and want to receive the body and blood of Christ. While we cannot force a person to believe, we can do our best to give them the tools so that should they choose to listen they will participate to their benefit and not to their judgment. Yet, at times it does not always seem about faith but for some the Sacrament has taken on the appearance of a carrot dangled in front of confirmands as a reward for completing a few years of instruction. Achieving this often becomes tantamount to graduating. The appearance emphasizes the thought of being done or complete rather than ongoing.

So... what makes one ready to receive communion? According to our confessions, Luther suggested in the Large Catechism, that one must know the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed, and the Lord's Prayer by heart before receiving the Lord's Supper. We also learn from the Small Catechism that reception of the Lord's Supper is not based on simply knowing enough or being good enough.

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Who receives the Sacrament worthily? The person that has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” In other words, it is the words of Jesus that create faith and the hunger for what He gives, His body and blood.

Confirmation is about membership, vows, and commitment. Communion is about grace, mercy, and the Gospel. Confirmation itself is more about baptismal remembrance. Our hymnal, and the LCMS *Agenda* for the *Lutheran Service Book* endorse this with the recognition of the “Rite for First Communion.” Children who are admitted to the altar in this way make similar vows of Confirmation including a promise, with the help of God, to continue receiving instruction.

Let the words of Jesus create the hunger in all, and let the faith His words create be the reason we joyfully eat and drink together, not despising the Church of God but rather proclaiming with them the death and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. If they are young, so be it, rejoice all the more that He has chosen to reveal such things too little children. Martin Luther says, “Since the children are baptized and received into the Christian Church, they should also enjoy the communion of the Sacrament, in order that they may serve and be useful to us. They must all certainly help us to believe, love, pray, and fight against the devil” (Large Catechism, V, 87).

The Lord Jesus gives His body and His blood to His disciples, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. Elsewhere He tells us quite clearly how such disciples are made: by the way and the means of Holy Baptism and the teaching (catechesis) of His Word. To be a disciple of Jesus — and thus to be a Christian and a communicant — is to be a lifelong follower of this Lord, a lifelong student of this Teacher, a lifelong apprentice of this true Master. One does not graduate from discipleship, but is and remains a disciple in the hearing and learning and following of the Word of Christ.

As we approach a renewed school year, as we begin confirmation instruction for the year, as we continue Sunday School, may we ponder these thoughts. May it increase our desire to continue faithfully ourselves, in Bible study and devotion. And may we share the gifts of the Gospel with our children faithfully that they too may grow in it.

*-Pastor Amen*



# Offerings for Missions

**August 6: LWML Mite Box Sunday.** The mites/door collections will support national and international mission grants. Read about this month’s featured grants below. Year to date we have collected \$173.45 to donate towards these grants.

## National LWML Grant

For the 2023-2025 biennium, the LWML voted to approve a mission goal of \$2,350,000 to fund 31 mission grants! Each month there are 1 or 2 featured mission grants that we will share with you here. The first ones will be for Orphan Grain Train; Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in ND; Journeys Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI; Lutheran Braille Workers; Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler, TX; Forged by Fire Services, Golf Coast Region; LCMS Life Ministry; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and more. While we wait for more details on each grant, visit [lwml.org/mission-grants](http://lwml.org/mission-grants) to watch a video highlighting all of the grants for these next 2 years!

## Minnesota-South LWML Grant

### *Twin Cities Blind Fellowship Outreach — \$5,000*

This outreach brings the local body of Christ together to serve God’s people with visual disabilities. An affiliated program with Lutheran Braille Workers, which strives to “Help People Touch the Promises of Jesus,” this ministry is open to all visually impaired, and brings the body of the church together with volunteers from many Twin Cities churches for a once-a-month fellowship gathering. Guests are served a delicious meal, participate in a pastor-led Bible study to nourish the soul, enjoy featured program activity, or live entertainment, and receive special gifts. Ongoing friendships are fostered through fellowship, prayer and service.

### **August 27:**

**The special collection this day is taken for Coins for Christ.**



### **Sr. Spy Youth Group**

Sunday, August 20 ~ 6:30-8:15 PM

We will have one final Sr. SPY Youth Group this month on August 20<sup>th</sup>! Join us as we dig into God's Word, eat snacks, play games, and enjoy fellowship with each other.

### **Jr. SPY**

Sunday, August 13 ~ 6:30-8:15 PM

Jr. SPY will continue this month on Sunday evenings. Come to church as we do a Bible study, eat snacks, and play games. Those who are entering fifth grade in the fall are invited to join!

### **Youth Room Refresh**

Sunday, August 27 ~ 6:30-9 PM

It's time for a change! All middle school and high school youth are invited to join us as we give the youth room a fresh coat of paint. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting paint on and come for an evening of fellowship and fun as we give the youth room a new look! Please contact DCE Susie with any questions.



It's time for Vacation Bible School! At Stellar VBS, kids will be launched on a cosmic quest where they will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids encounter God's power and love!

- August 6-10, 5:30-7:45pm
- Meals will be provided Sunday—Wednesday. Bring a sack lunch on Thursday.
- Shirts (\$7) and Music (\$5, digital or CD) will be available for purchase.



You still have time to use the QR code to sign up your 3-year-old to 5<sup>th</sup> grader for VBS or for you to be a volunteer!

VBS is a wonderful opportunity for us to both reach out into the community and to teach of the Stellar love of God to our children! In order for this ministry to happen there is some expense. We are looking for a total of \$200 to offset crafts, \$400 to offset food, and \$200 to offset t-shirts and music.



# Church Directory

## UPDATE

The last few years have brought many changes in our world, our culture, our community, and our church. Through the many changes, however, the central truths of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ remains the same. Part of this Scriptural truth is that the church remains united as the body of Christ and that we have need to support

and encourage one another in our Christian lives.

Prior to 2019, one “easy” way this was often done was with arranging a photography company to come into congregations, take pictures, and they would produce a picture directory. Of course, they made their own living through selling various prints and products as well as charging for additionally submitted pictures not taken through them. These companies no longer offer these products and services.

This does not mean that we cannot produce such a resource. Perhaps with greater flexibility and able to share more fully with each other so that we can know each other better and be able to rejoice in the communion of saints.

While some details need to be worked out for cost and final production, we will be producing our own photo directory through Pipestone Publishing.

- \* What we need first and foremost is accurate information! Please check with Alissa to make sure that we have your most accurate information. Do not assume that we have all the correct information, we have had many times where the program is simply not updated and this is unknown until needed. (Including household updates, phones, emails, summer and winter addresses, etc.)

- \* Next, we need family photos! As the summer months begin, you likely will have plenty of opportunity for creating and getting appropriate family photos. These may be professionally done or with a high quality camera (or likely smart phone). The less cropping and editing, the better, let us do that please. We are asking that all photos be no earlier than April 2023 and in original form. Send photos to [stpaulpipestonemedia@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulpipestonemedia@gmail.com).



This will be a large project and we need time and participation. There may be opportunity for photos to be taken, but this has not been determined at this time and will be limited. We are hoping for all information and submissions to be completed by September 2023 so that we have a wonderful resource to better unite, encourage, and support each other as the body of Christ.



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pipestone, MN**  
**July 18, 2023 at 7PM**

Board Meeting called to order. Opening prayer by Pastor.  
Welcome & comments by President Paul.

Approval of July Agenda, & Minutes of May Meeting.

Financial Report: nothing new.

Board of Elders: Will meet in August

Church Growth & Fellowship Committee: Gathering materials for blankets for new members and confirmands. Committee has supplies figured out for the outdoor picnic that's coming up. The Committee handed out candy bars for Mothers' Day & Fathers' Day at the service.

Education Committee: Getting things set up for JAM. Looking for substitutes for the 3rd & 5th grade class. Susie has Senior and Junior Spy activities going on through the Summer. SPY attempted to go to Wild Water West last week, but due to weather, had to go to an indoor water park-Midco Aquatic Center. They attended Pizza Ranch afterwards. The committee has met with Pastor Petrich/Holland, regarding confirmation. We have 58 signed up for the upcoming VBS. We are needing some more volunteers at this time. The Board of Ed. has things set up with the bank, for the Youth account. Katie Wiese was added as a signer this year. Susie will get the statements, and keep track of things with this account. She will do most of the deposits, and take care of Thank-you notes, when needed.

Planning for Rally Sunday, September 10th.

Property Committee: Light project is done. No action on the handrail project at this time. Garage clean up can be scheduled at any time. There will be documentation coming on the insurance policy for the church, as the insurance policy will not be renewed. This insurance company has chosen not to insure church buildings going forward. Bob requested for Randy Claussen to put some quotes together for review. Bob will check back in the next week with him, and get in touch with Doug with more information. Will call a special Board meeting if needed, to discuss further.

Corey Popma has commented that our Lights need updating. We have some of our rebate left to use. Some lights have already been replaced.

Bob will call Corey Popma, and get more information on prices, and get back to the Doug on this information. Discussion of whether we are keeping the Building Fund, and this fund will remain in place. Further discussion of this Fund & its details, will take place at the Voters Meeting.

Preschool Board: They have hired Paige Larsen and Gloria Evans to fill in Trinidad's role. They are doing their CPR skills this week, and take their test.

Pastor: We are in the middle of the 250th anniversary celebration of Amazing Grace. There have been readers during the service. Pastor has been using this theme for Bible Study too. Susie is adjusting well to her new role. Seven youth, and two adults attended the Circuit Trip to the Arc Encounter. They visited the Underground Railroad, took a Steamboat Ride on the Ohio River, and took in a Ballgame. John Draper and Pastor have been discussing the Church Directory. They will be sending out mail of information they need updated from members of the congregation. Members can submit an individual or family photo. A camera will be set up at church for those needing photos.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pastor discussed having Bibles in the pews for viewing, and personal devotions. Also discussed more Bibles to have stocked in the classrooms, and downstairs. The cost for Twenty-Four Bibles will cost around \$289.

A motion was made to spend \$600 to purchase Bibles. Pastor will wait to purchase Bibles this Fall, as Concordia has a Bible Sale at that time. Pastor shared information regarding different Summer Bible Camps. Our Confirmation group will plan to attend Camp Omega again this Fall. Pastor presented the idea, to think on, and further discuss, of having some sort of a Camper scholarship. This Scholarship would be for those wanting to attend either Camp Omega, or Camp Minneboji, as these two camps are operated and supported by our district. No action is being taken at this time, and we will have further discussion.

Dates and Times:

Next Voters Meeting is Sunday, July 23.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 19th.

Adjournment and closing prayer.

# AUGUST

Wed, Aug 2 1:00pm Quilters  
 Thurs, Aug 3 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner  
**Sun, Aug 6 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 9:00am *Divine Service*  
 5:30pm VBS  
 Mon, Aug 7 5:30pm VBS  
 Tues, Aug 8 5:30pm VBS  
 Wed, Aug 9 1:00pm Quilters  
 5:30pm VBS  
 Thurs, Aug 10 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner  
 5:30pm VBS  
**Sun, Aug 13 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
 10:00am *Outdoor Worship Service*  
 6:30pm Jr. SPY  
 Mon, Aug 14 5:15pm Board of Education  
 Tues, Aug 15 6:30pm Twins Game  
 Wed, Aug 16 1:00pm Quilters  
 6:00pm Board of Elders  
 Thurs, Aug 17 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner  
 10:00am *Service at Ridgeview*  
 1:00pm *Service at Good Sam*  
 3:00pm *Shut-in Service at St Paul*  
**Sun, Aug 20 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 9:00am *Divine Service*  
 6:30pm Sr. SPY

**V**acation  
BIBLE SCHOOL



Wed, Aug 23 1:00pm Quilters  
 Thurs, Aug 24 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner  
**Sun, Aug 27 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 9:00am *Divine Service*  
 2:05pm Canaries Game  
 6:30pm Youth Room Refresh  
 Mon, Aug 28 Preschool Open House  
 Wed, Aug 30 1:00pm Quilters  
 Thurs, Aug 24 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner



## August 2023 Worship

### **Sunday, August 6, Pentecost 10**

Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; John 20:1-18

*Hymns:* 911, 855, 744, 699, As the Deer

*Sermon Series:* Amazing Grace

*Sermon:* Mary Magdalene

### **Sunday, August 13, Pentecost 11 OUTDOOR SERVICE**

Job 38:4-18; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33

*Hymns:* 833, 10,000 Reasons, 588, 643, 978

*Sermon:* Stellar: Foundations

### **Sunday, August 20, Pentecost 12**

Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Rom. 11:1-2a,13-15,28-32; Matt. 15:21-28

*Hymns:* 770, 653, 649, 720, 922

*Service:* Setting 3

*Sermon:* Persistent Prayer

### **Sunday, August 27, Pentecost 13**

Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 11:33-12:8; Matthew 16:13-20

*Hymns:* 645, 865, 761, 784, 662

*Service:* Prayer and Preaching

*Sermon:* Who Do You Say Jesus Is?



# St. Paul Preschool

## August, 2023

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! This is an exciting time as we are busy preparing for the 2023/2024 school year. We thank God that you have chosen to send your child to a Christian-based school that seeks to prepare your child for kindergarten in the best way possible.

The Lord has blessed the preschool with Shelly Tuinstra as the Teacher/Director and 3 assistants, Paige Larsen (MWF), Gloria

Evans T/TH and Rose Sorenson T/TH mornings. We are also are blessed to have Sonia Griebel and Linda Winter helping in the 3 year-old program, we thank God for providing these people who are concerned about your child's education.

Before preschool starts classes on Wednesday Sept. 6, we will be having an open house Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, T/TH am- 6:00pm and 7:00pm for MWF and 5-day, we ask that at least one parent from each home be present for this orientation meeting. This meeting will give you the chance to meet Shelly, Paige, Gloria and Rose and it will give us a chance to meet you and your child.

Cost of tuition is MWF \$110/month or \$990 for the year. 5-day program is \$150/month or \$1350 for the year. TTH \$95/month or \$855 for the year. You have the option of pay in full or monthly. If you pay monthly tuition is due the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. St. Paul preschool's policy, set by the board, states that if a child's monthly tuition due is not paid in 30 days; the child cannot attend until it is paid. We appreciate your prompt payment. It helps us to operate our program in the most efficient manner.

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### Key Dates:

**Open House ..... Monday, August 28th**

**First Day of School ..... Wednesday, September 6th**

### Things to bring to school

#### MWF am Classes

2- 64oz bottles of 100% juice  
2- boxes of crackers  
2- glue sticks  
8- count markers

#### MWF pm Classes

2-64oz bottles of 100% juice  
2- boxes of crackers  
2- glue sticks  
Box of crayons

#### T/TH am classes

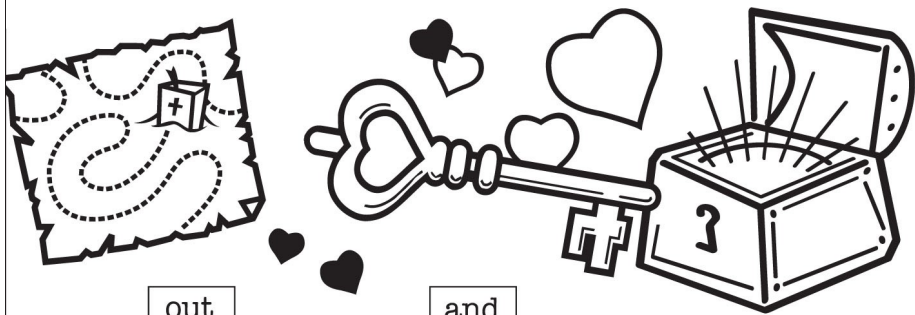
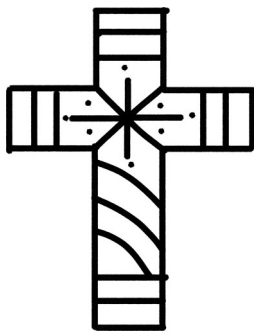
2-64oz bottles of 100% juice  
Napkins (200 count)  
2 boxes of snack crackers  
Disinfecting wipes

***Please Bring all of these supplies with you to our open house!***



# Puzzle!

Starting on the bold word, follow the maze to read a Bible passage. Move from one box to another if the sides or corners touch. Some boxes are used multiple times.



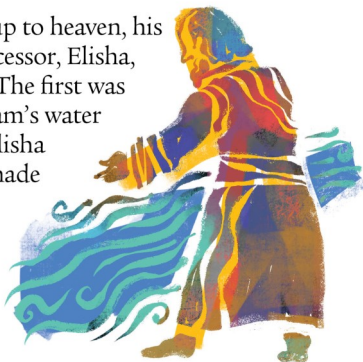
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PROVERBS 2:3-5, NIV

## Bible Quiz

After Elijah was taken up to heaven, his newly commissioned successor, Elisha, performed two miracles. The first was making a poisonous stream's water safe to drink. What did Elisha toss into the water that made it wholesome?

- A. a stick
- B. a new bowl
- C. bread
- D. salt



Answer above:  
If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5, NIV



## A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.*



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1:3-4, NIV

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Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV



# Catch a Ballgame!

On **Tuesday, August 15 at 6:40pm**, join Lutherans across the state in cheering on the **Minnesota Twins** against the Detroit Tigers! **Lutheran Night at Target Field** has been the largest group event associated with the Twins for over a decade! We no longer have extra available seats together, but you can still order individual tickets at <https://fevogm.com/event/LutheranNight2023> through August 15.

Watch the **Sioux Falls Canaries** take on the Lincoln Saltdogs on Sunday, **August 27 at 2:05pm**. We will go together with Zion Lutheran Church, Hardwick. The cost will be \$15 per person (3 and under are free). Sign up by August 6th by scanning the QR code to the right.



## MID week SERVICE

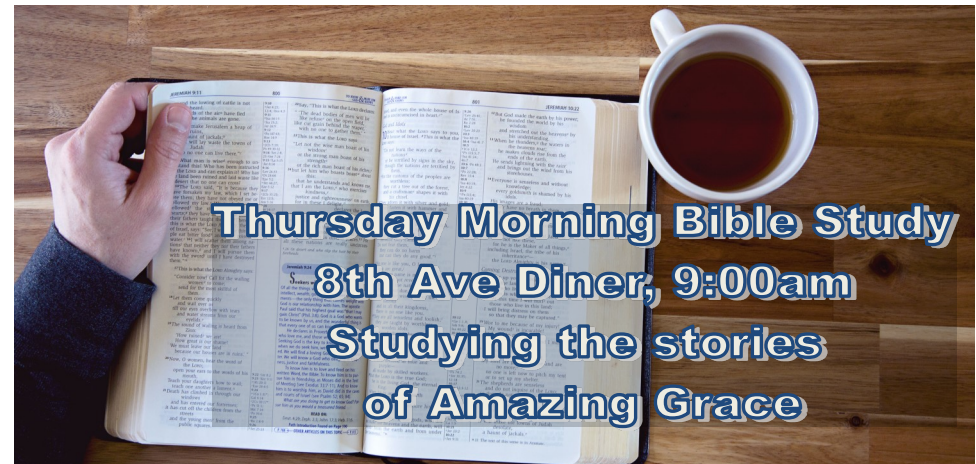
Our Shut In Service will be held each month on the third Thursday. Join us this month on August 17 for a time of worship and communion.



**Outdoor worship service on August 13 at 10am** at Harmon Park with a potluck to follow. Bring friends, lawn chairs and dress casually. Please consider bringing either fruit/veggies; salads/sides; or dessert/bars.

**After lunch, the pool will be open to us from 11:30am-12:30pm.**

Back-to-school shopping? Shopping for your office? Keep us in mind! If you make a purchase at Office Max or Office Depot, they donate a 5% back to schools. At checkout, let them know you are supporting St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, Pipestone, ID# 70247677. You can also select the preschool when purchasing online. This is helpful for us to purchase needed items and is no extra cost to you!



The **Quilting Group** meets on **Wednesdays at 1pm**. Join in the fellowship and work on some projects. We would love for you to join us on Wednesdays for a fun afternoon of sewing and fellowship. You do not need to have quilting experience, just willing hands. Can't join every week? That's ok! **We are also meeting in the summer this year, so please come when you are able!**



### Altar Guild

Carrie Radloff and Kim Uilk

### Greeters

Sun. Aug 6 ----- Bernie & Sue Uilk  
Sun, Aug 13 ----- Dick Whipple and Richie Whipple  
Sun, Aug 20 ----- Loren Dockter  
Sun, Aug 27 -----

### Acolytes

Sun. Aug 6 ----- Benett Wiese and Hayden Heard  
Sun, Aug 13 ----- Brody Hiniker and Amara Stotz  
Sun, Aug 20 ----- Danica LaBrune and Zachary Amen  
Sun, Aug 27 ----- Griffin Smidt and Oliver Whipple

### PowerPoint

Sun. Aug 6 ----- Addison Draper  
Sun, Aug 13 ----- Madison Radloff  
Sun, Aug 20 ----- Taryn Tuinstra  
Sun, Aug 27 ----- Mariah Moeller



Sponsorship for the radio broadcast is on the board in the atrium. Support of this outreach is necessary to continue this part of our mission. Thank you for your sponsorships.

### Elders

Mark Stueven and Mike Wiese

### Sound

Sun. Aug 6 ----- Denny Winter  
Sun, Aug 13 ----- Verdeen Colbeck  
Sun, Aug 20 ----- Neal Jennings  
Sun, Aug 27 ----- Denny Winter

### Altar Flowers

Sun. Aug 6 ----- Dan & Casey Uilk  
Sun, Aug 20 ----- Brad & Sherry Ilse

### Radio Sponsorship

Sun. Aug 6 ----- Darwin & Barb Raschke  
Sun, Aug 13 ----- Dan & Casey Uilk  
Sun, Aug 20 -----  
Sun, Aug 27 -----