



Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:8-10

At the end of my sermon last Sunday, I had the words 'You are called' in big, bold letters on the screen. I made the point that the gifts and responsibility God has given you are all a part of that call. In his first letter, Peter highlights how to live out our calling. Two sentences catch my attention: First, above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins, and second, As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as stewards of God's varied grace.

How do you live out your call? Figure out how to use your varied gifts to love and serve others: members of your family, neighbors, fellow church members, other Christians, members of the community, and even strangers.

I want to focus on how we can love one another earnestly and serve one another as good stewards here at Church. This fall, one way we want to do that here at St Paul Church is by renewing our greeter ministry.

Before COVID, I understand that we had greeters in the Narthex to welcome members and visitors alike. We will be restarting that ministry. Are you willing to be a part of this vital ministry? Are you willing to help us be a welcoming church? It is straightforward: sign up with Katie. Then, on your assigned days, show up early for Church and greet your friends, neighbors, and visitors as they arrive to worship. The greeter ministry will be one way we can show hospitality to one another without grumbling. Please consider joining this important ministry of our Church.

Be Hope-filled, Stay Strong and God Bless,

Pastor Carl

The Church Council did not meet in July.

St Paul Attendance

6/29 9am - 94	7/1 6pm - 12	7/6 9am - 41	7/8 6pm - 13
7/13 9am - 59	7/15 6pm - 10	7/20 9am - 49	7/22 6pm - 12

Budget Recap Year-To-Date (01/01/25 to 7/24/25)

Total Funds for Budget	\$94,544.38	Total Operating Funds	\$94,544.38
Memorial Loan	<u>+\$5,000</u>		
	\$99,544.38		
Budget	-\$132,696.17	Operating Exp.	-\$127,214.39
Difference	(\$33,151.79)	Difference	(\$27,670.01)

No Memorials Given 6/27/2025 - 7/24/2025

In Memory:

Given by:

Designated for:



Tuesdays in the Chapel Worship will be each Tuesday of the Summer at 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be on the first and third Tuesday.

2025 Church Council

Jacob Marz - Chair	Kelly Sargent - Treasure
Kim Graff - Secretary	Paul Muske
Randy Wendt	Angel Rummel
Kathy Pederson	Andy Renner
Sarah Groebner	

Our worship services are live broadcast on YouTube! Just subscribe to our YouTube Channel by going to www.youtube.com and searching for St Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN, or simply scan the QR Code with your smartphone. Be sure to subscribe so you will be notified when we go live!



Please pray for...Jerome Kettner, Doug Rositzke; all those serving in the military, at home and abroad: Jesse Kettner, Cylee Graff, Shane Clemon, Ethan Langseth, and Emily Wendt.

Prayer Chain –If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along, please call Jan Severson (723-6358) or the church office (723-5880). Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer Chain and/or (2) included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for **two** Sundays unless otherwise specified.

Deadlines:

Sunday Bulletin: Wednesday by 10 am.

Epistle: 20th of each month. Please call or email the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epistle. stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

* Indicates Choir Singing.

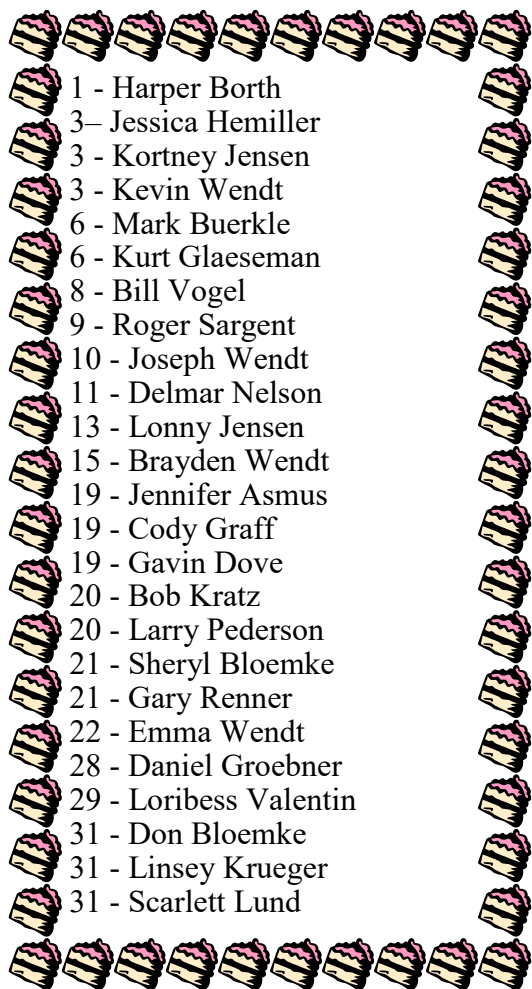
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3 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast Katie vacation -----	4 6:30 p.m. Parish Education Meeting	5 5-7 p.m. Community Night Out Picnic @ Riverside Park	6 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	7	8 Office Closed 2:00 p.m. BINGO @ SLJH	9		
10 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	11	12 10:00 am Worship at SJLH 6:00 pm Tuesdays in the Chapel	13 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 7:00 pm Council Meeting	14	15 Office Closed	16		
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31 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast Pastor gone ----- Al vacation -----					St. Paul Lutheran Church, 303 N Cass Ave, Springfield, MN 56087 Church Telephone: 507-723-5880 www.splcspringfield.org stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com			

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Worship Service Helpers

Date	Sound & Video	Projection	Reader	Acolyte	Usher	Organist
8/3	Dove Family	Dove Family	Daniel Kettner	Abigail Shaw Madisen Schumacher	Team 1	Jeff Krueger
8/10	Tim Vogel	Groebner Boys	Jordan Pidde	Cash Anderson Lydia Vogel	Team 2	Jeff Krueger
8/17	Mueller Family	Mueller Family	Jo Muske	Adalyn Rudolph Leo Kral	Team 3	Jeff Krueger
8/24	Paul Muske Jonah Pidde	Jordan Pidde	Mel Vogel	Rylyn Marz Lydia Vogel	Team 4	Jo Schwartz
8/31	Groebner Boys	Groebner Boys	Kurt Glaeseman	Blake Zihlke Ellie Jensen	Team 1	Jo Schwartz

August Birthdays!



Usher Teams

- 1 - Don Bloemke, John Marz, Jake Marz, Paul Meidl
- 2 - Doug Gatzlaff, Dave Bittler, Peter Heitzman
- 3 - Doug Schiller, Russell Rogotzke, Mark Buerkle, Jeremy Dove
- 4 - Tim Vogel, Scott Vogel, Bill Vogel

August Altar Guild

Jena Veenstra

August Anniversaries!



Community Treasures in Springfield

Store Hours: Monday & Friday 1 pm - 6 pm;
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 am - 3 pm;
 Saturday 10 am - 1 pm; Donations can be dropped off any time during business hours.



We need 2 volunteers for BINGO on August 8th at 2:00 pm. Please let Katie know if you can help out!

Community Night Out

FREE

**Tuesday, August 5th
From 5-7 p.m.**

Riverside Park Shelters 2 & 3

This **FREE** event is open to the public!

Join our Community Night Out Event with
Food and drinks, live entertainment,
fun, and fellowship!

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!
Burger or brat, baked beans, chips,
soft serve ice cream, root beer wagon,
and water

Community Night Out
is provided by
St. Paul Lutheran
Church, St. Johns
Lutheran Church,
United Methodist
Church



If inclement weather prevails, this event will be moved to the community center.


CHURCH GREETERS WANTED!

We will be bringing back having greeters before each church service again! This was something that went away during the covid pandemic, and we are excited to bring it back!

If you would like to be a greeter, you can sign up in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall or let Katie know by either phone 507-723-5880 or email stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

Like in the past, greeters will be on a rotation. We need two people per service that will greet people as they enter church. Sign up today!

St. Paul's next blood drive will be
Wednesday, August 27th from
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Go redcrossblood.org to
schedule your appt.
Lunch provided for all donors
and volunteers!



**American
Red Cross**

Interest in Bell Choir at St. Paul's

There has been some suggested interest in bringing the bell choir back to St. Paul's. The choir went silent a couple of years ago. Music Coordinator, Jeff Krueger, would like to know how strong the interest is in reviving the choir and noted that he would possibly direct it if there is enough interest and dedication to form it again.

The bell choir is different from the vocal adult choir. With the bell choir, each member needs to be present, especially at performance time. Each player is important and has their own set of bells to play—they cannot cover for an absence like you can in a vocal choir. **EACH MEMBER IS VERY IMPORTANT!!**

Some requirements to consider for the bell choir: 1) There would need to be at least 10-15 ringers available to start it up again; 2) Rehearsals would be at least two times per month on a schedule set by the director; 3) The choir would play for our worship services at least once a month, on special occasions and sometimes with the adult choir; 4) Director would set the performance schedule and ringers need to work around that. Each player needs to be present for the performance to happen. If someone is absent, we can't perform.

The bell choir would be open to those in seventh grade and up. You don't really need to know how to read music—just how to count and your colors (the current music is color-coded). Please contact Katie in the church office if you are interested in being part of the bell choir by August 10. If we don't get 10-15 ringers, it will not happen.

Church Auction Interest If there's interest in hosting a church auction this year, we're looking for someone willing to take the lead in organizing it. This event is a great opportunity to bring our community together and support St. Paul Lutheran—but it can't happen without a committed coordinator. If you'd like to step up or learn more about what it entails, please reach out!

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Calendar Highlights - August 2025
5 - Community Night Out Picnic
8 - BINGO @ SJLH
27 - Blood Drive

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Office Hours

Pastor Carl Billings carlbillings@me.com

Monday & Tuesday 9-11 a.m.
or by appointment

Parish Coordinator: Katie Mueller

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon
stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen

Fin_secretary@newulmtel.net

Housekeeping: Mary Jo Simonson

Maintenance: Al Groebner

St. Paul EPISTLE is a publication of St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is published monthly to keep members and friends informed of programs and ministries of the church.

Articles may be submitted for publication subject to content.

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School (September-May)

10:00 a.m. Coffee Talk



**Give
Today!**



Springfield Area Food Shelf hours
Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am
625 N Jackson Ave - Springfield, MN 56087
(Springfield Clinic Lower Level)
507-723-3663 (FOOD)