



³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

This Summer, we have been studying the Book of Ephesians, one of Paul's prison letters. I have commented more than once on how Paul's prison letters exude joy and gratitude. Paul's letter to the Philippians is another one of those positive prison letters.

These three verses in Philippians echo my gratitude and joy for the partnership I have witnessed between St. Paul and St. John's. If you asked me to name some of the high points for our Summer, I would name:

- The mission Trip to Feed My Starving Children in June
- Our Community Night Out in August
- Our combined services, also in August.

I consider each of these joint partnerships a great success. I am thankful that I was able to participate in each of them. Thank you to all the people who made these partnerships successful.

Our partnership will not end with the Summer. We will continue to work together into the fall, celebrating Rally Sunday at Riverside Park and teaching joint confirmation classes at St. Johns. I will also provide pulpit supply, with St. Johns adjusting their service to accommodate my preaching at both congregations.

As we look to the future, my hope is that our partnership will not only continue but also grow and deepen. The Greek word translated as partnership in Philippians can also mean fellowship or even communion. It is my prayer that the fellowship between our congregations will continue to strengthen.

Be Hope-filled, Stay Strong and God Bless,

Pastor Carl

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 14, 2024

Chairman Paul Muske called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14 in Room 101 at the church. Members present were Paul Muske, Kim Graff, Angel Rummel, Jacob Marz, Kathy Pederson, Kelly Sargent, Sarah Groebner, Pastor Carl and Jeff Krueger. Randy Wendt was absent. Parish Coordinator Katie Mueller was also present.

Pastor Carl led the group in prayer.
M/S/P to accept the Consent Agenda.
M/S/P to approve the Secretary's Report of the June 12, 2024 meeting.
M/S/P to approve the Financial Statement as printed.

Pastor's Report

- Conducted memorial service for Dalores Stern.
- Conducted pre-marriage counseling and weddings for Tyson & Samantha Meidl and Russell & Sharon Rogotzke.
- Conducting midweek services on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the chapel. Average attendance is 10 with people from St. Paul's and St. Johns attending. Will probably not continue the services in the fall.
- Conducted four in-home communions, hospital visits and counseling sessions.
- Participated in the Mutual Ministry team meetings with St. Johns and St. Paul's.
- Participated in Transition Team meeting August 13. Many of the goals are on their way to being accomplished. Working on Fellowship groups and revitalizing our Work (Servant) Groups—possibly through a Stewardship Program in November.
- Invited to be one of the speakers at the LCMC Retirement Retreat August 26-29, 2024.
- Preparing for Confirmation Classes. Will be held at St. Johns Church as that is closer to the school and students can enjoy the Table Ministry Meal before class begins each Wednesday night.
- Will be out of town September 2-6.

Intentional Interim Contract

•M/S/P to move the contract from $\frac{3}{4}$ time to full time beginning September 1. The extra work load with Confirmation and agreeing to be pulpit fill at St. Johns Church is the reason for the change. Will visit with St. Johns Church to see if they will help with the compensation change.

Parish Education

•Sunday School staff is in place for the coming year. Rooms have been assigned and Memory Work determined for the year. A Teacher Meeting will be scheduled for August 28.
•Sunday School will begin on September 15. Rally Sunday will be held in Riverside Park September 8 with St. Johns Church. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by donuts and coffee.
•Student presentations will be as follows: Cradle Roll Doves and Kindergarten Bibles on September 22; First Grade Catechisms on September 29; and Third Grade Bibles on October 6.

Old Business

•Work on area under ramp by Salonek's has been completed.
•Schmidt Brothers completed the roof projects at the church and the parsonage.
•Parsonage window and paint repair from hail damage will require photos and quotes submitted to our insurance company. The damage was due to hail last October. Will get quotes from Lowell Helget for window repair and Neil Neidt or Vogel's for painting.
•Decided no action is needed for any tree removal on the parsonage property at this time.
•The Community Picnic on August 6 was a big success. Approximately 500 people were served. Discussed the possibility of making it an annual event to include all the other local churches.
•Combined Worship Services with St. Johns began August 11. Will be at St. Paul's August 18 and then at St. Johns August 25 and September 1.
•Stewardship Campaign was discussed. It has been some time since our congregation actually had a campaign. Will make it similar to the former "Thanks for

the Harvest" campaign with a meal and program in November.

- The Mutual Ministry Team of St. Paul's and St. Johns met July 15 and August 4. The August 4 meeting was called by the Church Council of each congregation with a purpose to develop guidelines if our two congregations would share a pastor. Council looked at the guidelines and agreed they should be communicated to our congregation—possibly with a congregational meeting. Pastor Carl has communicated with St. Johns fill-in Pastor and there is interest by that pastor to serve both congregations.
- The Call Committee has been meeting. They have reached out to possible candidates with not a lot of response.
- The committee for the updates to the Sunday School rooms/fellowship hall/sanctuary has begun work in the Sunday School rooms. Al Groebner has been doing a lot of the work. Plans are to paint, new chairs, new window coverings and new equipment for each room now being used. M/S/P to let the committee continue with their plans with expenses not to exceed \$10,000.
- Discussion on the church's water softener. Currently we are paying Culligan \$150/month or \$1800/year for service and the equipment is out dated. M/S/P to purchase a new Select Plus Softener from Culligan for \$2,345 with free softener salt for one year.

New Business

- M/S/P to hold our Fall German Supper on Wednesday, September 18. More details to follow.
- M/S/P to hold the Church Auction on Sunday, October 13 following the worship service. The event will include a luncheon. Kathy Pederson and Angel Rummel are heading up the Auction.
- The Scholarship Committee recommends \$500 scholarships to the following applicants for the Good Shepherd Scholarship: Brendon Buerkle, Courtney Wendt, Carter Asmus, Jordyn Plaster and Kyler Zihlke. M/S/P to accept the recommendations.
- Schmidt Brothers Roofing has requested the use of our church parking lot for a

customer appreciation lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. August 29. They did a lot of business in the community following the October hail storm (including our church and parsonage) and wants to thank everyone for their patronage. M/S/P to allow use of our parking lot August 29.

- St. Johns Church hosts a weekly Kitchen Table Ministry each Wednesday at their church. They offer a meal, free-of-charge, for anyone who would like to attend. They have asked if our church would like to be involved and possibly do the meals two times during each month. Our church is not ready at this time to offer services for two times per month but will continue to discuss it.
- Summit Fire Protection was out to inspect the fire protection equipment in the church kitchen. There are some items that are not up-to-date and did not pass inspection. A quote of \$2300 was given by the company to bring things up-to-date. Due to the importance of this fire safety issue, we will proceed once Al Groebner and Randy Wendt look at the equipment and what is proposed. M/S/P to proceed.
- Discussion on the Bell Choir. The Bell Choir has not practiced or performed for almost two years. There has been some interest in getting it started again. There is a need for a director. Jeff Krueger is not interested in directing the Bell Choir. Will advertise for the position. How would we proceed if someone from outside our congregation would like to be the director? There will be further discussion next month.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/P to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11 at 7:45 p.m.

~by Jeff Krueger, Council Secretary

St Paul Attendance			
8/4 9am - 57	8/11 9am - 124	8/13 6 pm - 8	8/18 9am - 104
8/20 6 pm - 9	8/25 9am - 118	8/27 6 pm - 8	

<u>Budget Recap Year-To-Date (01/01/24 to 8/27/24)</u>			
Total Funds for Budget	\$116,659.07	Total Operating Funds	\$116,659.07
Budget	\$151,741.10	Operating Exp.	\$129,940.50
Difference	(\$35,082.03)	Difference	(\$13,281.43)

Memorials Given 6/28/2024 - 8/27/2024

<u>In Memory:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Designated for:</u>
Dalores Stern	Ed Meidl	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Kurt & Mary Glaeseman	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Daniel Kettner	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Family & Friends	St. Paul Lutheran Church
	Family & Friends	St. Paul Music Fund
Jolene Danielson	Audrey Rositzke	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund

2024 Church Council	
Paul Muske - Chair	
Jeff Krueger - Secretary	Kelly Sargent - Treasure
Randy Wendt	Jacob Marz
Kathy Pederson	Kim Graff
Sarah Groebner	Angel Rummel

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

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

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.

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• Notice: Please update your phone numbers and/or email address with the church office!

• Several of the numbers we have are disconnected and we need to know how to get a hold of you!

• You can leave a note in the box outside of Katie’s office, call or email the church office at 507-723-5880 or stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com. We appreciate you keeping us updated!

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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!



September 2024

* Indicates Choir Singing.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship @ St. Johns Lutheran Church	2 Labor Day	3 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	4 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
8 10:00 Rally Sunday Worship @ Riverside Park followed by coffee & donuts & teacher meet & greet	9 Pastor on Vacation	10 10:00 am Worship at SJLH 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	11 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 - 7:30 Confirmation 7:45 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
15 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	16	17 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	18 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 4:30-6:00 German Supper 6:30 - 7:30 Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	19 6:30 Women of the Word @ St. John's Church	20	21
22 *9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	23	24 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	25 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 6:30 - 7:30 Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28
29 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	30					

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Worship Service Helpers

Date	Sound & Video	Projection	Reader	Acolyte	Usher	Organist
9/1	Worship @ St. Johns Lutheran Church 9 a.m.					
9/8	Rally Sunday Worship in Riverside Park at 10 a.m.					
9/15	Trevor Krebs	Mueller Family	Jeanette Pidde	Blake Zihlke Molly Jacobs	Team 1	Jeff Krueger
* 9/22	Mueller Family	Mueller Family	Brittany Cook	Lily Groebner Lydia Vogel	Team 2	Jo Schwartz
9/29	Dove Family	Dove Family	Paul Muske	Abigail Shaw Adalyn Rudolph	Team 3	Jo Schwartz

September Birthdays!

	1 - Madalyn Krueger	
	1 - Stacey Weisensel	
	1 - Bonnie Wells	
	1 - Andy Renner	
	2 - Nancy Renner	
	3 - Jill Vogel	
	3 - Jonah Pidde	
	6 - Roland Lang	
	7 - Bud Wendt	
	8 - Jan Kratz	
	8 - Sarah Lund	
	9 - Tyler Marz	
	10 - Wes Kral	
	11 - Elsie Groebner	
	11 - Jacob Marz	
	11 - Jenna Shaw	
	12 - Austin Plaster	
	13 - Ruth Potter	
	15 - Katie Mueller	
	15 - Bailey Streich	
	16 - Maverick Kratz	
	16 - Tyler Hagert	
	17 - Jo Schwartz	
	17 - Lois Zihlke	
	18 - Emily Anderson	
	19 - Linda Nachreiner	
	20 - Aubrey Hillesheim	
	20 - Catarina Lang	
	21 - Jack Jensen	
	24 - Kaden Pyzick	
	24 - Walker Krueger	
	26 - Jeremy Dove	
	27 - Shawna Jacobs	
	28 - Beau Steinhaus	
	28 - Lily Steinhaus	

Usher Teams

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

September Altar Guild

Elsie Groebner
Sue Hendrickson
Jordyn Plaster

September Anniversaries!

	6 - Eric & Emily Goblirsch - 4 years	
	7 - Kevin & Trisha Schumacher - 11 years	
	8 - Robert & Emily Anderson - 17 years	
	13 - Harold & Marlys Wendt - 66 years	
	14 - Andrew & Lindsey Krueger - 11 years	
	14 - Ken & Sharon Renner - 61 years	
	14 - Tyler & Catarina Lang - 5 years	
	18 - Jerome & Jerrine Kettner - 55 years	
	22 - Dylan & Amanda Thompson - 6 years	

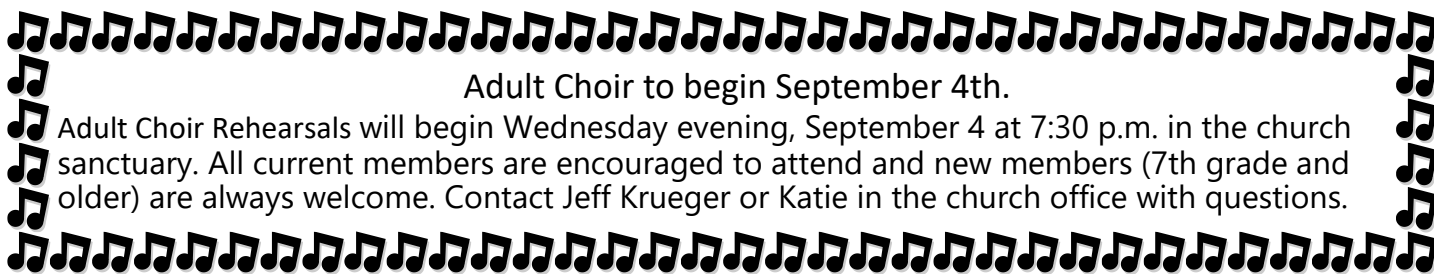
Bring your empty egg cartons to the church kitchen or drop off at Katie's office.

Rally Sunday at Riverside Park Shelter #3
with our friends from St. Johns Lutheran Church!



Sunday, September 8th, 10:00 a.m.
Worship followed by coffee & donuts!

*Bring a lawn chair if you wish.



Adult Choir to begin September 4th.

Adult Choir Rehearsals will begin Wednesday evening, September 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All current members are encouraged to attend and new members (7th grade and older) are always welcome. Contact Jeff Krueger or Katie in the church office with questions.

German Supper

DRIVE UP OR DINE IN OR TAKE OUT
WED., SEPT 18~ 4:30-6:00
OR SOLD OUT

St. Paul Lutheran Church

303 N CASS AVE., SPRINGFIELD

SAUERKRAUT WITH PORK AND DUMPLINGS, BRAT,
GERMAN POTATO SALAD, AND DESSERT

\$14 IN ADVANCE OR \$15 AT THE DOOR

ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CHURCH OFFICE
OR ADVANCE PRESS



St. John's Lutheran Church would like to extend an invitation to the women of St. Paul Lutheran

(confirmation age and older), to join in their Women of the Word Ministry (WOW). WOW is held at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St John's Church.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL

AUCTION & LUNCH

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Live Auction * Meal * Silent Auction

If you have any questions or if you would like to donate,
please contact Kathy Pederson or Angel Rummel.



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Calendar Highlights - September 2024

4 - Choir begins

8 - Rally Sunday

18 - German Supper

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Office Hours

Pastor Carl Billings

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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



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)

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