

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2019
NEWSLETTER**

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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
Nursery available for children preschool age and younger
9:45 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Following the Children's Message
10:30 A.M. HOSPITALITY

10:45 A.M. ADULT EDUCATION
Begins September 8

**HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED
EACH SUNDAY**

- SEPTEMBER 1** **12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- SEPTEMBER 8** **13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Mission Sunday
- SEPTEMBER 15** **14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
BBQ fundraiser
- SEPTEMBER 22** **15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- SEPTEMBER 29** **16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Retirement of Old Bibles Service

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Worship-Children's Church during Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 10:45 a.m. Lutheranism 101 class	2 Labor Day Office Closed 1:00 p.m. Belles and Beaux use of music room	3 9:15 a.m. Quilters	4 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry meeting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	5	6 PASTOR'S DAY OFF OFFICE CLOSED	7
8 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mission Sunday 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship-Children's Church during Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 10:45 a.m. Confirmation 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School	9 1:00 p.m. Belles and Beaux use of music room	10 9:15 a.m. Quilters 10:00 a.m. Member Care Cook Day 11:00 a.m. Faith Circle 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	11 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	12 Noon Council reports due 6:30 p.m. Eve Circle	13 PASTOR'S DAY OFF OFFICE CLOSED	14
15 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship-Children's Church during Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality-BBQ sale 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Handbell practice 10:45 a.m. Confirmation	16 1:00 p.m. Belles and Beaux use of music room	17 9:15 a.m. Quilters 6:15 p.m. Executive Committee meeting 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	18 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Newsletter Articles Due	19 Noon SPOT-potluck	20 PASTOR'S DAY OFF OFFICE CLOSED	21 11:00 a.m. WELCA Fall Luncheon
22 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship-Children's Church during Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Handbell practice 10:45 a.m. Confirmation	23 1:00 p.m. Belles and Beaux use of music	24 9:15 a.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	25 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	26	27 PASTOR'S DAY OFF OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Retirement of Old Bibles 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship-Children's Church during Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Handbell practice 10:45 a.m. Confirmation	30 1:00 p.m. Belles and Beaux use of music	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><u>Mission Statement</u></p> <p><i>Living together in God's grace, we worship, learn, and reach out as a caring community to rejoice in, and share the love of Jesus Christ.</i></p> </div>				



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*“For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the LORD, plans to
prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.”*

NIV Jeremiah 29:11



As we begin a new school year and we enter the last quarter of 2019; we know that planning will begin for our 2020 church life. In the next few months, the committees of the church will be planning their budgets. They will be planning for mission and ministry. The worship team will plan for Reformation, Preschool Sunday, Advent, and Christmas. Hospitality will begin planning for various events, and Christian Education planned how they can best meet the needs of the parents as well as the students. There is a lot of planning going on in the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church. In the midst of all this planning, there is a question: “How will we financially support these ministries?” – We support them through your financial gift and commitment for mission and ministry.

With God’s help and our faithful planning, it all comes together. We are blessed with people who give their time and their finances for the glory of God at St. Paul. The members serving on specific committees do their own planning, build a plan, and send it to the church council for review. Each committee sets their priority for mission and ministry by knowing what they want to accomplish. The committee members seek partnerships with other charities so that we have a partner in mission. Our goals in mission are met through planning and financial support. You do make a difference! For the next three months, we will be sharing the mission plan, the ministry plan, and the plan to commit ourselves to meet the mission and ministry of God’s church.

Over the past five years, we’ve **decreased** the church debt by **\$328,886.00**. Most of this decrease has been through our Blue Print for the Future program. We are entering the final two years of the program. Because of your continued financial commitment, we’ve been able to increase our mission work in the community and financially support mission from our congregation. Imagine the difference this church can make when we finish the debt reduction program in 2021. Blue Print for the Future was started with a plan. Blue Print for the Future is a plan to decrease debt and increase mission opportunities for our church, our members, and our children. We need to plan these last two years of debt reduction and ALL of us will need to take part in the debt reduction. Our future is bright and our planning is ahead of the curve. Look for the roll-out of the final stage of Blue Print for the Future and celebrate the wins in mission and ministry because as debt decreases, mission increases.



I am thankful for each of you. I give thanks for your gift of time, money, and experience. As we enter the planning stages for 2020, your commitment is vital for the mission and ministry. Planning is a part of everything we do together and what you do for your own family. ¹You don’t begin a trip or vacation without planning. Together we’ve made a difference in the mission and ministry of this church. Therefore, please plan to pledge, plan to help, and plan to worship. That being said, you know your gifts; if someone asks you to read on a Sunday and you know that is not your gift, you’re not obligated to read. But, if you were not asked to read and that is your gift, I encourage you to volunteer in the ministry for

the sake of God. Volunteering without being asked can be applied to many ministries at St. Paul. Here is one area where help is needed: setting up and taking down tables for hospitality on Sunday. (Can that be your gift to the church?) If so, we can plan for each week by scheduling around those who are willing to help. Think about it, pray about it, because your help is needed.

*God’s Peace be with you all,
Rev. Franklin J. Gore*

¹ Clipart-library online source
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UPDATE FROM COUNCIL

The Council is working on improving security for the Church. We will investigate adding a portico doorbell and improvements in our existing electronic security. We are reviewing simple measures such as policy of locking doors to secure not only worship but the preschool and classrooms as well. We are looking into the feasibility of a telephone notification system similar to those utilized by schools to enable church wide messages to quickly be sent out.

On a personal note, as your Congregation President, I remind all members, all authority for St. Paul Lutheran Church rests with the Congregation. The Congregation has delegated Authority to the Council. We are an independently established organization with our own financial obligations. Simply put, our mortgage belongs to us. The mortgage is with Thrivent Financial and is not connected with the Synod or tied into the ELCA. The church property and building belong only to the Congregation of St. Paul Lutheran and not the ELCA or Florida/ Bahamas Synod. Neither the ELCA Churchwide Organization or the Florida Bahama Synod has authority to impose mandatory policies or procedures on St. Paul Lutheran.

We will continue to work through change with you.

Dan Zeigler, Congregation/Council President
Dick Kaminska, Congregation/ Council Vice President

Finance

While the summer is usually below average in giving, we continued that trend this year. We are below our budget expectations by over \$20,000, most coming from a dismal summer giving. But the good news is expenses are also being held below what was expected by staff and committees, except that is for AC replacements. If fall and winter months continue as past years or are better than the last couple of years, we will come close to meeting budget numbers. That's something we have not said for quite a while. I feel more positive energy coming from our members now and I am confident that will relate to more giving.

The good numbers are in the Blue-Print Budget. So far, we are ahead of our schedule numbers by \$2,000. Our budget was for \$35,000 and so far, we have collected \$22,000. While we have to ensure our general fund is provided for, we can congratulate those that are giving and giving to Blue-Print for the future. Together, with Gods help, we can meet whatever is put in our path.

The Financial Staff thanks all those that give and support St Paul Lutheran Church.

Thank You.

Brad Fludgate, Treasurer



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Dawn Zeigler	Aaron Smith	Betty Bross	Brian Pascoe	Valeria Slotter
LECTOR(S)	Wanda Gore	Brad Fludgate	Lauren Cummings	Hannelore Miller	Pete Morgan
USHERS	John Carroll Kathie Norem Norm & Linda Beal	Dan & Dawn Zeigler Paul & Meghan Marchant	Mike & Cindy Akins Eric & Shelly Johnson	Bill & Theresa McDonald Harland & Betty Bross	Eddie & Regina Gibbons Will & Nicholas Slotter
ALTAR GUILD	Audrey Tinsley Carleen Bragan	Wanda Gore Debbie Flanagan	Betty Bross Etta McDonald	Brenda Ekstrom Lori Overy	Sherry Schaeffer Judy Taylor
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Brenda & John Ekstrom	Sidney Glassmire Regina Gibbons	John Michael & Lauren Cummings	Lori Overy Kim McCormick	Carolina Slotter Jeanine Yeager
GREETERS AT THE PORTICO	Ott Wildensteiner Dianne Williams	Judie Cox Wanda Gore	Mary Pat Forgie Valerie Creedon	Brad & Alice Fludgate	Harvey family
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Torryn Given	Torryn Given	Torryn Given	Torryn Given	Torryn Given



LIBRARY

St. Paul's library is in the process of adding some new items for members to enjoy. Two new DVD's are now available to borrow: Heaven is for Real, and Miracles from Heaven. These are great movies for the whole family to enjoy. Keep an ear out for more movies soon to be added.



New books are also being added. We are sprucing up a bit in the children's area and adding some crayons and coloring pages. Older books will be retired as new are brought in, so there will be lots to enjoy.

Come and enjoy your library at St. Paul. Find God's Word in story books, family movies, reference materials and everything in between.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



During September children will be discovering with their Whirl friends, Ada and Leo, how amazing and faithful God is. They will study Bible stories about The Burning Bush and the Plagues, The Red Sea, The Ten Commandments and Joshua. Children's Church is for children in grades K – 5. Children will return to the Sanctuary prior to Communion.



Adult Education

Holy Spirit Working Today – Sunday, September 8 begins a new Augsburg Adult Bible Study titled *Responding to God's Grace*. This month we will explore topics on God's Mercy, God Answering Prayers, Bread from Heaven, Faithful God, Faithless People and God Forgives. All adults are welcome. Get your coffee after worship and join us in classroom 1 at 10:45 am. The nursery is available. And... no homework required!

Wednesday Night Interdenominational Bible Study – Lee Droegemueller is again leading this lively group on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the church library. They are now studying the minor prophets Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah. All adults are welcome to participate in this vibrant bible study!



WELCA

Eve Circle: Hello Ladies. I pray that you are doing well and have had a glorious summer. Eve Circle will be meeting in the church library at 6:30PM September 12th. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information regarding which article we will be discussing from the Gather Magazine. Please bring your own dinner. If you have any questions contact Helen Magnuson hmagnuson328@gmail.com

Faith Circle will meet September 10th at 11:00 in the library. Bring your bibles and a brown bag lunch. All are welcome.

HOSPITALITY

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. Psalm 119:1-3

As summer comes to an end, we give thanks and praise to the Lord! Thanks for everyone having a safe summer, for our time to worship and fellowship, for God's love and grace for each of us.

Thank you to all who helped with Rally Day. Especially Alice Fludgate with Christian Ed for organizing and encouraging everyone to participate. It was a fun day; the hot dogs and ice cream was enjoyed by all. If you missed getting to the "Time and Talent" table, we will have them available in the Fellowship Hall and the office. Please take a few moments to ask, "where can I serve?" Pray about it, talk to Committee Chairs, there is a place for everyone at St. Paul and serving with a spiritual heart is rewarding within itself.

Moving forward, the Hospitality Team is off and running with the upcoming BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday, September 15, 2019. Our team will start taking orders on September 1, 2019 after worship, cost is \$5.00 for a sandwich, chips and pickle. Please get your order in, you will not want to miss out. This event will be one (1) day only! Your support is greatly appreciated!

In November we will host our first "Pie Fest", during Hospitality Time. Details will be forthcoming, watch for information in the Fellowship Hall and the weekly bulletin. In addition, we will be decorating the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. Date and time to be determined.

December will bring another "first" event for Hospitality, as we host "Advent by Candlelight" along with other committees'. Details are being organized and will be posted in the weekly bulletin and Fellowship Hall. Our Team is very excited about this event and the ministry it will bring to our congregation family and friends.

As always, it is an HONOR to serve in GOD'S HOUSE!

*God's Peace,
Brenda*



Member Care

Thank you to all the faithful who have committed to taking Sunday bulletins to home bound members! This ministry wouldn't happen without your help.

SEPTEMBER COOK DAY

Every who likes to cook is invited to help. Please use the sign-up sheet by the kitchen door or talk to Carleen or Sherry if you are interested. We need 6 to 8 people to help.

A Cook Day is planned for Tuesday, September 10. We will start cooking at 10 am in our kitchen and finish about noon. After we finish, we'll sit down to enjoy a casserole and/or soup for lunch and fellowship. The casseroles and soup are taken to members whenever the need arises to send some extra care to our members.



Respectfully submitted by,
Carleen Bragan

S.P.O.T.

It's a Potluck! S.P.O.T. will reconvene after taking off for the summer on Thursday, September 19th at 12p.m. We will have a speaker that day, to be announced as soon as they are confirmed. Please bring a dish to share with everyone!

Plans will be made for monthly hosts to assist with set-up and making arrangements for activities/entertainment/speakers so please be prepared to sign up for an upcoming month. Your help is greatly appreciated!



S.P.O.T. invites all members of St. Paul (and their guests) aged 55 or better to join in fellowship and community each month. There are opportunities to learn, share and just enjoy each other's company. Sometimes we eat in, each bringing a dish to share. Other times, we go out together and enjoy a good restaurant. Either way, it's an enjoyable time to get to know each other. Come along and join us, share the love of Christ in our midst.

Dan & Dawn Zeigler, S.P.O.T. Hosts

