

# St. Paul's Epistle

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## ALL ARE WELCOME!

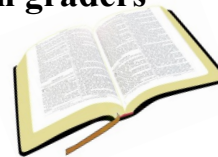
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024 EDITION

### FALL BLESSINGS!

Stay safe  
during the holiday!



**Bibles, Bibles, Bibles!** Please join us in worship on Sunday, September 15th for Bible presentations and blessings! **Pre-K, 3rd graders and 7th graders will be receiving their Bibles!**



### Sanctuary Update!

As many of you know that in late Spring we discovered mold in the ceiling of the worship area. After discussion and remediation with the insurance company, we will be neutralizing the mold and putting in a new ceiling on top of the old ceiling. **Construction will begin Monday, October 14th.** We plan to be out of the Sanctuary for at least 2 months. All of our activities, including worship will be in the Fellowship Hall.

**We need to raise in individual support the following amount to finish the work. \$20,500**

Please see a council member or staff person with questions.

### New Members!

Have you been attending St. Paul and want to officially become a member?

Please see Pastor Sloka. New Members will be recognized on Sunday, September 29th during worship.

### 2 Upcoming Youth Group Fundraisers!

Spaghetti,  
Sunday,  
September 8th



Baked  
Potato,  
Sunday,  
October 27th

*Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.*



- **Our Sunday School kick-off is Sunday, September 8th at 11 am.**
- **We follow the Sunday lessons during Sunday School.**
- **We are always looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday School. Activities and lessons are planned out, you can just show up and read through the lessons!**
- **If you have questions, please contact Holly Klemisch, FFD.**

## Sonshine Friends

**Our theme for this year is “13 Very Awesome Promises and How God Keeps Them”**

We will continue to split into two groups rotating every other week.

Group A (K-2nd Graders): Starts Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 3-4:30pm

Group B (3-6th Graders): Starts Wednesday, September 18, 2024 from 3-4:30pm.

We are always looking for volunteers to help assist Holly. Not able to help physically, consider donating snacks and/or drinks for the kids to enjoy! If you have questions, please let Holly Klemisch know.

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***GATHER***

***GROW***

***GO***

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## Children & Youth Happenings

### **Youth Group**

**Sunday's from 6PM-7:30PM**

**September 15**

**October 13**

**November 24**

**December 22**

### **Western ND Synod LYO**

October 17-18 Senior High

October 18-19 Junior High

In Bismarck this year!

### **Camp of the Cross Youth Bash**

November 1st -2nd

## **Confirmation Classes**

**Classes will begin on**

**Wednesday, September 11th.**

7th grade meets at 6PM.

8th/9th grade meets at 7PM.

**10th graders will meet the following days:**

September 11th 7AM

September 25th 7AM

September 29th 11:30AM

October 6th 5PM

**Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)  
will be celebrated on Sunday, October  
13th.**



# Worship

## Sundays

Please remember we are committed to Live Streaming all of our worship services.

**Scripture Readers** needed for September.

**Acolytes** needed for September.

**Fellowship Servers** are needed for September.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will celebrate **Holy Communion the following Sundays:** September 1, 15, 29, October 6, 13 & 20.

**Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)** will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 13th.**

## Mission Support

Welcome “Little Lunches Backpack Program” to your new home. St. Paul will be hosting their site for storage and ministry. If you would like to get involved, please let Dawn Kolden or Pastor Sloka know.



**Welcome Our Savior Lutheran Church in Max as our new ministry partner!** As you may know, Pastor Sloka has been serving their parish as their Vice-Pastor since February of 2023. This summer their council asked our council to consider a more formal ministry together. The Council at their August meeting agreed to a contract with them. Pastor Sloka will serve one Sunday worship service a month in Max and also be in Max one day a week. He will help with administration and also teach their confirmation class. They will be reimbursing St. Paul for his time. Please see Pastor if you have any questions.

## ACTION GROUPS

The October Action Group will meet Sunday, September 15th

The November Action Group will finalize their schedule on Sunday, October 20th.

## Weekly Bible Studies

### Men’s Tuesday morning Bible

**Study:** Join us each Tuesday in the Chapel at 10AM. Starting in September.

### Thursday Morning Community

**Bible Study:** at the Meadows will continue at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. The study is looking at the upcoming Sunday readings.

### WOMEN’S CIRCLE MEETING and BIBLE STUDY

Morning Circle meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 9:30AM for fellowship and Bible study.

### An Adult Bible Study is starting Wednesday, September 11th at

**6:30PM.** There is a signup sheet on Holly’s office window. See her if you have any questions!

### Choir Practices/ Singing in worship



Practices are on Sundays September 15, 22, 29 October 6, 20, November 10, 17 & 24 at 11:15 a.m. Sing in worship on October 6. Anyone who enjoys singing please join us in the choir loft! Questions? Please see Lisa Haugen.

### Quilting

Join them on Mondays at 1PM, except holidays! 3





Greetings friends!

Wow, wow, wow! Summer has flown by so fast and now school has started. Blessings to all who have started school or have new journeys in their lives.

It's time for our ministries to start up again if they were not happening this summer. Men's Bible study, Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, Sonshine Friends, Women's activities and much more for all ages! Check out the newsletter, the bulletins and also our website. We also send out emails and post to social media.

By now you may know that I will be working more closely with Our Savior Lutheran Church in Max. Until they find a parish to join I will be helping them as their pastor. Please be assured that I will always be here for our congregation. And I have prayed a lot about this and feel that I can handle this personally and professionally.

Please let me know if you have any questions or other ways for you to be involved in our community.

If you see this 😊 let me know.

If you are struggling, please remember there are many resources at St. Paul that can help you in your journey whether it be going well or in a season of struggles. There are many sisters and brothers in

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### *Council Officers*

President– Clair Eslinger

Vice President– Randy Essler

Secretary– Deb Youngs

The Council met on Thursday, August 22nd for their regular monthly meeting.

- Financials and Minutes from May, June and their special meeting in July were approved.
- Discussion was held on their special meeting to accept the bid from Arrow Services to work on the Sanctuary Ceiling. After finding out how much the insurance will pay, what funds we have left from the carpet they voted to ask the congregation to help raise \$20,500 to cover the remaining costs.

Christ who would be available to visit with you and share in your life happenings with you. My door is always open, I am easily emailed, and I am a cell phone call or text away!

Blessings as we move through the Fall Season!

Peace,

*Janis*

Pastor Janis

### German Supper



It's time for the German Supper! It is an important way for us to support Camp of the Cross Ministries.

**It will take place on Sunday, November 3rd from 5PM-6:30PM.**

Pastor Sloka is coordinating it. If you would like to help, please let him know. He will need folks to make some of the food. Volunteers are also needed to help set up; serve and cleanup. If you can't make it please consider making a donation. You can give it to us and we will pass it on to them.

- The council also discussed the request from the council of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Max to create a contract to share some of Pastor Sloka's ministry. The council approved the request. Pastor Sloka in addition to helping with confirmation and administration will spend one day a week in Max and one Sunday a month in Max. They will compensate us for his services.
- **CEILING RENOVATIONS BREAK DOWN**  
**\$77,698 total cost from Arrow Services**  
 \$39,657 insurance will cover  
 \$5,000 grant received  
 \$12,557 remaining funds from the carpet fund  
 Council requesting donations of **\$20,500** to cover the remaining cost.



# SEPTEMBER

# 2024

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| <b>1</b><br>9:45 Worship with Communion<br>10:45 Fellowship  | <b>2</b><br><b>LABOR DAY</b><br>Office Closed                       | <b>3</b><br>10:00 Men's Bible Study                                       | <b>4</b><br>9:30 Circle   | <b>5</b><br>10:00 Community Bible Study @ the Meadows           | <b>6</b>                                       | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8 "You Are Welcome Here"</b><br>9:45 Worship<br>National Youth Gathering<br>Thank you!<br>10:45 Fellowship<br>11:00 Sunday School -1 <sup>st</sup> Day!!!<br>11:00 LYO Spaghetti Dinner<br>WND Synod Rostered Leaders | <b>9</b><br>1:00 Quilting   | <b>10</b><br>10:00 Men's Bible Study<br>Community Night's at the Hospital | <b>11</b><br>7AM- Confirmation (10 <sup>th</sup> )<br>3PM Sunshine Friends (A)<br>6PM Confirmation (7 <sup>th</sup> )<br>6:30PM Bible Study<br>7PM Confirmation (8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> )   | <b>12</b><br>10:00 Community Bible Study @ the Meadows          | <b>13</b><br>Wedding Rehearsal                 | <b>14</b><br>Bonney/Tormo Wedding                           |
| <b>15</b><br>9:45 Worship with Communion<br>Bible Presentations<br>10:45 Fellowship<br>October Action Group<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>11:15 Worship Committee  | <b>16</b><br>1:00 Quilting<br><i>Items for October Calendar due</i> | <b>17</b><br>10:00 Men's Bible Study<br>6:30PM Girl Scouts                | <b>18</b><br>3PM Sunshine Friends (B)<br>6PM Confirmation (7 <sup>th</sup> )<br>6:30 Sweet Snds Practice<br>6:30PM Bible Study<br>7PM Confirmation (8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> )  | <b>19</b><br>10:00 Community Bible Study                        | <b>20</b><br>Camp of the Cross Women's Retreat | <b>21</b>   |
| <b>22 OUR SAVIOR, MAX</b><br>9:45 Worship- Sweet Sounds<br>10:45 Fellowship<br>October Action Group<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>6-8 Youth LOL<br>11:15 Choir Practice  | <b>23</b><br>1:00 Quilting  | <b>24</b><br>10:00 Men's Bible Study                                      | <b>25</b><br>7AM- Confirmation (10 <sup>th</sup> )<br>2PM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Chapel<br>3PM Sunshine Friends (A)<br>3PM BLC Chapel<br>6PM Confirmation (7 <sup>th</sup> )<br>6:30PM Bible Study<br>7PM Confirmation (8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> ) | <b>26</b><br>10:00 Community Bible Study<br>6:30 Church Council | <b>27</b>                                      | <b>28</b>   |
| <b>29 New Members</b><br>9:45 Worship- Adult Choir<br>10:45 Fellowship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>11:15 Choir Practice<br>11:30 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation   | <b>30</b><br>1:00 Quilting  |   |   |   |  | Office hours:<br>Mon.-Thurs.<br>9am-3pm<br>Fri.<br>9am-Noon |



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## September and October



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