

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

TODAY (Sept 6) **WORSHIP**

Dale..... 8:30 am
Larsen10:00 am

TUES (Sept 8)

Pastor Circuit Meeting at Bethlehem, Hortonville10:00 am
Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm
St. Paul Council 6:30 pm

THURS (Sept 10)

Care Partners Hortonville service 1:30 pm
St Paul **WORSHIP (HC)** 6:00 pm

SAT (Sept 12) Apple Valley Food Pantry distribution..... 9:00 am

NEXT SUN (Sept 13) **WORSHIP (HC)**

Dale 8:30 am
Larsen.....10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: If you happen to see the following member(s) this week, please wish them a "Happy Birthday" – **Sept 8** – Willard Meyer

September 13- St Paul Greeter– Dave Grossman **Usher**– Phil Grunwald

ADOPT A HIGHWAY – The next date for the roadside cleanup will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2026. Rain date is Wednesday, September 30, 2026. If you would like to help please let Chris Mihna know. 920-840-4370

FORWARD IN CHRIST SUBSCRIPTION - (St. Paul) – Our subscription for Forward in Christ ends with the October edition. There is signup sheet for all who would like to receive this magazine for another year. Unfortunately, there is a slight price increase again this year. The yearly subscription rate will be \$20.50 per year. You may give your payment to Sandy Meyer, Church Secretary by September 13. Check or cash is ok. Make your check payable to St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church. Thank you.

SIGNUP SHEETS – (St Paul)

- We still are in need of a few people to serve as greeters during the month of October. Those who plan on serving please signup for your desired Sunday.
- There is a signup sheet for those you plan on attending the missionary presentation at St. Paul, Appleton on September 17.

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15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 6, 2026

Welcome to our Guests—

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

St Paul restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. St. Peter's unisex restrooms are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

BELLS & WELCOME

ORDER OF WORSHIP: *Blue CW hymnals without Communion "Setting Two" using pages 172, 176-181 and 171*

TODAY'S HYMNS: Blue hymnal

#918 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

#656 As Surely as I Live, God Said

#558 vs 1, 3, 6, 10 Salvation unto Us Has Come

#924 vs 1-2 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 32A I Turn to You, O Lord



PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ GOD'S WORD +

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (sermon text)

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D

ST PAUL LWMS DOOR OFFERING – There will be a free will offering today, Sunday, Sept 6 and Sunday, Sept 13 to support LWMS missions. There is a basket on the entry counter for your offering. Any questions please contact Candy Kohler. The Paperland circuit Fall Rally will be on Saturday, October 3 at Grace Lutheran, Oshkosh. Speaker is Rev. Larry Schlomer, WELS World Mission Administrator.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL –

The Fundraising Committee is busy planning the following events to benefit our elevator/lift project. St. Peter's members are welcome to attend the event or events of their choice. Please check future bulletins for updates, as plans have not yet been finalized, but will be soon. Here's what we know so far--

- Friday, October 2, 2026 we will be hosting another Fish Fry in our Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. It will be similar to the Fish Fry that we held in March 2026. On the menu will be: Fried Fish, potato salad, French fries, coleslaw, rye bread and dessert. Freewill offering.
- Saturday, November 7, 2026 we will be hosting another concert. StarFire will be appearing at Bean City Bar & Grill for a "Beer & Hymns" event. We are planning on a light lunch following the show and also a silent auction. As we did last year, we are asking the congregation to donate a basket or item(s) for the auction. Signup sheet is available on the counter for the silent auction donations. Please indicate if you would be providing a complete theme basket or individual items by placing a check mark under the appropriate column that you are donating. Baskets or items will need to be at church no later than October 18. If you know of any businesses that may be interested in donating items to the silent auction, please feel free to contact them directly or let Carol Magolski know.

NOTE ON AUG 16 CONGREGATION MEETING AT ST. PAUL – Several copies of the PowerPoint presentation on the elevator project, presented by Jenni Rickert, are available on the entry counter for anyone who would like to review it. Please help yourself.

MISSIONARY PRESENTATION - St. Paul in Appleton is hosting Pastor Philip Birner and his wife, Susan, to give a presentation about their missionary work. They were WELS missionaries in Zambia, Africa, for over 30 years and retired from service about two years ago. Pastor Birner currently serves as the part-time visitation pastor for St. Paul. The presentation will be on Thursday, September 17, 2026, from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. St. Paul, Appleton will provide snacks and drinks at the presentation. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the entryway so the organizers can plan for refreshments!

SECOND READING

Galatians 2:11–16

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Timothy 2:4

Cong sings: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor speaks: God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Cong sings: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15–20

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: #656 *"As Surely as I Live, God Said "*

THE MESSAGE TODAY: *Based on: Ezekiel 33:7–11*

"Hard to Love Responsibility"

1. Whose job is it?
2. Where is the love?

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #558 vs 1, 3, 6,10 *"Salvation unto Us Has Come"*

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: #924 vs 1-2 *"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"*

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