

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

TODAY (Sept 20) **WORSHIP & Sunday School**

Dale..... 8:30 am

Larsen (Bible class follows worship)10:00 am

TUES (Sept 22) St. Peter's Zoom Confirmation Class 5:00 pm

WED (Sept 23) Adopt A Highway cleanup-Dale 9:00 am

THURS (Sept 24)

Bible Class – St Paul10:00 am

NO Care Partners Hortonville

NEXT SUN (Sept 27) **WORSHIP (HC) & Sunday School**

Dale 8:30 am

Larsen (Bible class follows worship)10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: If you happen to see the following member(s) this week, please wish them a "Happy Birthday" – **Sept 21** – Dave Thiel, Kristen Ashauer **Sept 23** – Joseph Heise **Sept 25** – Danielle Lutz

September 27- St Paul Greeter– Kevin & Mashelle Ozment **Usher**– Chris Mihna

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

PLEASE NOTE – Women's Fellowship is looking for any church members, who are Thrivent members, if they would be willing to apply for Thrivent Action Funds cards to help offset expenses for upcoming events. Each card is valued at \$ 250.00. Contact Carol Magolski if you are willing to apply for a card or if you need assistance in applying for the card and she can help you. If you are not a Thrivent member and still would like to make a cash donation please speak to Carol Magolski. Thank you.

TEXAS DINE TO DONATE FUNDRAISER- The September 1 Dine to Donate fundraiser that was held at Texas Roadhouse in Appleton netted \$96.00 to be applied to the elevator/lift project fund. Thank you to all who participated.

ST. PETER'S FINANCIALS – for the month of August 2026 the income was \$6,963.50, expenses were \$11,901.78 for a negative balance of \$4,938.28. Larger expenses are due in part to the flooring and keyboard expenses that were paid in August.

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17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 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

#481 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

#582 Not unto Us

#602 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#718 vs 1-3 Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 115A Not to Us, O Lord



PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and promise to reward us according to your grace. Help us to rid our minds of worldly expectations and rejoice that you freely pour out the blessings of salvation to all people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ GOD'S WORD +

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

¹But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight."

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D

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 any updates, All funds received will go towards the elevator/lift project.

- 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. Start time 4 PM. Lunch to follow show (free will donation). There will also be a silent auction basket raffle.
- Silent Auction Basket Raffle - 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.

FVL -

Upcoming events - go to fvlhs.org/news to find details

- Pancake Feed (hosted by football) Sunday, September 27
- Fall Sacred Concert, Sunday, October 4
- No Frills Golf Classic on Monday, October 12
- Homecoming alumni recognition on Friday, October 9

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE – Thursday, Sept. 17 was the final evening service until next year.

¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 115A Not to Us, O Lord

SECOND READING

Romans 9:6–16 (sermon text)

⁶It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” ⁸In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring. ⁹For this was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁰Not only that, but Rebekah’s children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: ¹²not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

¹⁴What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵For he says to Moses,

“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

¹⁶It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ephesians 2:8

Cong sings: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor speaks: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Cong sings: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷“ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: #582 *"Not unto Us"*

THE MESSAGE TODAY: *Based on: Romans 9:6-16*

" It All Depends..."

1. Not based on DNA.
2. Not based on what we do.

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #602 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: #718 vs 1-3 *"Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road"*