

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

TODAY (Oct 4) **WORSHIP & Sunday School**

Dale..... 8:30 am

Larsen (Bible class follows worship)10:00 am

MON (Oct 5) St. Paul Council Meeting..... 6:30 pm

TUES (Oct 6) St. Peter's Zoom Confirmation Class 6:00 pm

THURS (Oct 8)

Bible Class – St Paul10:00 am

Care Partners Hortonville..... 1:30 pm

SAT (Oct 10) Apple Valley Food Pantry 9:00 am

NEXT SUN (Oct 11) **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" – **Oct 7** – Carol Kraft

Oct 8 – Amanda Herbst

October 11 St Paul Greeter– Jean Smith **Usher**– Phil Grunwald

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. 920-841-4508 Thank you.

WELS APPLE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY NEWS:

The October collection for the pantry will be held on Saturday, October 10. The following is the list of items currently in need of at the pantry: Adult cereals, canned peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, mandarins and applesauce, canned peas, corn, carrots and mixed veggies, tomato and chicken noodle soups, chunky soups, spaghetti noodles and pasta sauces, egg noodles and other miscellaneous pasta, mashed potato sides and boxed potato sides, jam/jelly, pancake mix and syrup, and laundry soap (40 loads or less), dish soap and hand soaps. *The Pantry is unable to distribute food that is dented, expired, partially used or in glass containers or pharmaceutical items.* Monetary gifts may be mailed to the Apple Valley Food Pantry, 2603 W College Avenue, Appleton WI 54914.

FORWARD IN CHRIST - (St. Paul) The October issue is available on the entry counter.

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19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4, 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

#853 I'm But a Stranger Here
#842 Jesus, Still Lead On
#835 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
#927 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 80A Show Your Face



PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
²He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.
³"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard
than I have done for it?
When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?
⁵Now I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #835 "*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*"

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: #927 "*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*"

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.

- Saturday, November 7, 2026 we will be hosting another concert. StarFire will be appearing at Bean City Bar & Grill, 2505 Bean City Road, New London 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. 920-841-4508
- **UPDATE ON BASKET RAFFLE** - Please include a note in your basket of the value of the items in your basket and also a listing of what's in the basket. We use this to determine how much to price the baskets at.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED – we are planning on serving bars for the dessert at the Starfire concert lunch. If you are willing to donate one or more pans of bars please jot your name down on the signup sheet in the entry. They would need to be at church Saturday, Nov 7, no later than 9 AM. Please be sure to mark your pan(s) with your name.

I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.
⁶I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briars and thorns will grow there.
I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.”

⁷The vineyard of the Lord Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.
And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 80A Show Your Face

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:12–21 (sermon text)

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ephesians 2:10

Cong sings: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor speaks: For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

Cong sings: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–43

³³“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

⁴³“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: #842 "Jesus, Still Lead On"

THE MESSAGE TODAY: *Based on: Philippians 3:12–21*

"Live It Up"

1. Focus forward
2. Citizenship in heaven