

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

TODAY (Sept 15) **WORSHIP & Sunday School**

Dale..... 8:30 am
Larsen (Bible Class follows)10:00 am

MON (Sept 16) St. Paul Choir 6:00 pm

WED (Sept 18)

Adopt A Highway cleanup 9:00 am
Confirmation Class-time to determined
St. Peter's Council..... 6:30 pm

THUR (Sept 19)

Bible Class-St. Paul10:00 am
Care Partners-Hortonville service..... 1:30 pm

NEXT SUN (Sept 22) **WORSHIP (HC) & Sunday School**

Dale..... 8:30 am
Larsen (Bible Class follows)10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: *If you happen to see the following member(s) this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday".* **Sept 15** – Casey Laabs
Sept 17 – Amy Danke **Sept. 19** – Samantha Dederling **Sept 21** – Kristin Ashauer, David Thiel

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Opening day of Sunday school at both churches is Sept. 15.

CHOIR – (St. Paul) All are invited to join us in raising our voices in song. Practice will begin on Monday, September 16 at 6:00 PM. For more information contact Sue Spiegel, Choir Director.

HOPE CENTER DONATIONS NEEDED: (St. Paul) On the entryway counter you will find flyers describing the work The Hope Center (a ministry of WELS United) provides. Our LWMS would like to help them out and your help is needed in donating the items they have requested. We will have a collection box available until Saturday, October 12, 2024 for donations. Please donate as you are able. Thank you.

The most needed items are: Dish Soap-liquid, Laundry Detergent (48 oz size preferred), Paper Toweling, Toilet Paper, Shampoo & Conditioner (adult, child, ethnic), Toothpaste, Deodorant (men's and women's), Disposable Razors, Facial Tissue, Disinfecting Spray/Cleaner, Men's & Women's Shaving Cream, Body Wash.

The FVL Fall Sacred Concert is on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 PM in the FVL auditorium. The concert, featuring FVL choirs and bands, will also be streamed on the FVL YouTube channel.

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Pentecost 17
September 15, 2024

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 AND WELCOME

ORDER OF WORSHIP: *Christian Worship* “Service of the Word”
beginning on page 38. **Red** hymnal

TODAY’S HYMNS: **red** hymnal
#236 All Praise to God Who Reigns Above
#474 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
#556 Rise, Shine, You People

PSALM OF THE DAY: In place of the Psalm red CW Hymn #192 at St. Paul; at St. Peters the blue CW Hymn #633 “Speak, O Lord”



PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Sing: Amen.**

+ **GOD’S WORD** +

FIRST READING

1 Kings 18:21–39

²¹Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”

But the people said nothing.

²²Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the LORD’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. ²³Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. ²⁴Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God.”

Then all the people said, “What you say is good.”

²⁵Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” ²⁶So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: #474 “*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*”

THE MESSAGE TODAY: *Based on Mark 9:14–27*

"Source of Hope and Change"

1. I think I can
2. No if's about it

AFTER THE SERMON-The Apostles Creed

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, THE LORDS PRAYER & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: #556 “*Rise, Shine, You People*”

²⁷At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” ²⁸So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. ²⁹Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

³⁰Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. ³¹Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” ³²With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. ³³He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.”

³⁴“Do it again,” he said, and they did it again.

“Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. ³⁵The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

³⁶At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. ³⁷Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”

³⁸Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

³⁹When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10–18

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and

with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 31:1

Alleluia

In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Alleluia

Sing Verse of the Day response pg. 40

GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–27 (sermon text)

¹⁴When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

¹⁷A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

¹⁹“You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

²⁰So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood,” he answered. ²²“It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

²³“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

²⁴Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D

PAPERLAND CIRCUIT LWMS FALL RALLY will be held October 12, 2024 at St Matthew in Appleton. 8:00 is registration and refreshments. 9-12:20 is the meeting. Gary and Beth Evans from CAMM (Central Africa Medical Mission) will be speaking. After lunch there are tours of the Hope Center and their new organ. All ladies are invited. Come and enjoy the morning hearing more about what LWMS is doing.

The **Fall Rally** for the **Wolf River circuit LWMS** is on Saturday, September 28 at Immanuel, Greenville. Please sign up today, we need to let them know by September 18 how many are attending. Their featured speaker will be Pastor Leon Ehlert of our Asia One Team operating out of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Green Bay.

All women are invited to attend either or both of these rallies. Sign up sheets available on the counter for both rallies.

DOOR OFFERING – (St. Paul) Today and next Sunday we will be holding a door offering to benefit LWMS missions. Please put your donations in the basket on the entryway counter **not in the church offering box**. Thank you for all the donations for the spring rally. Our church gave over \$200.00.

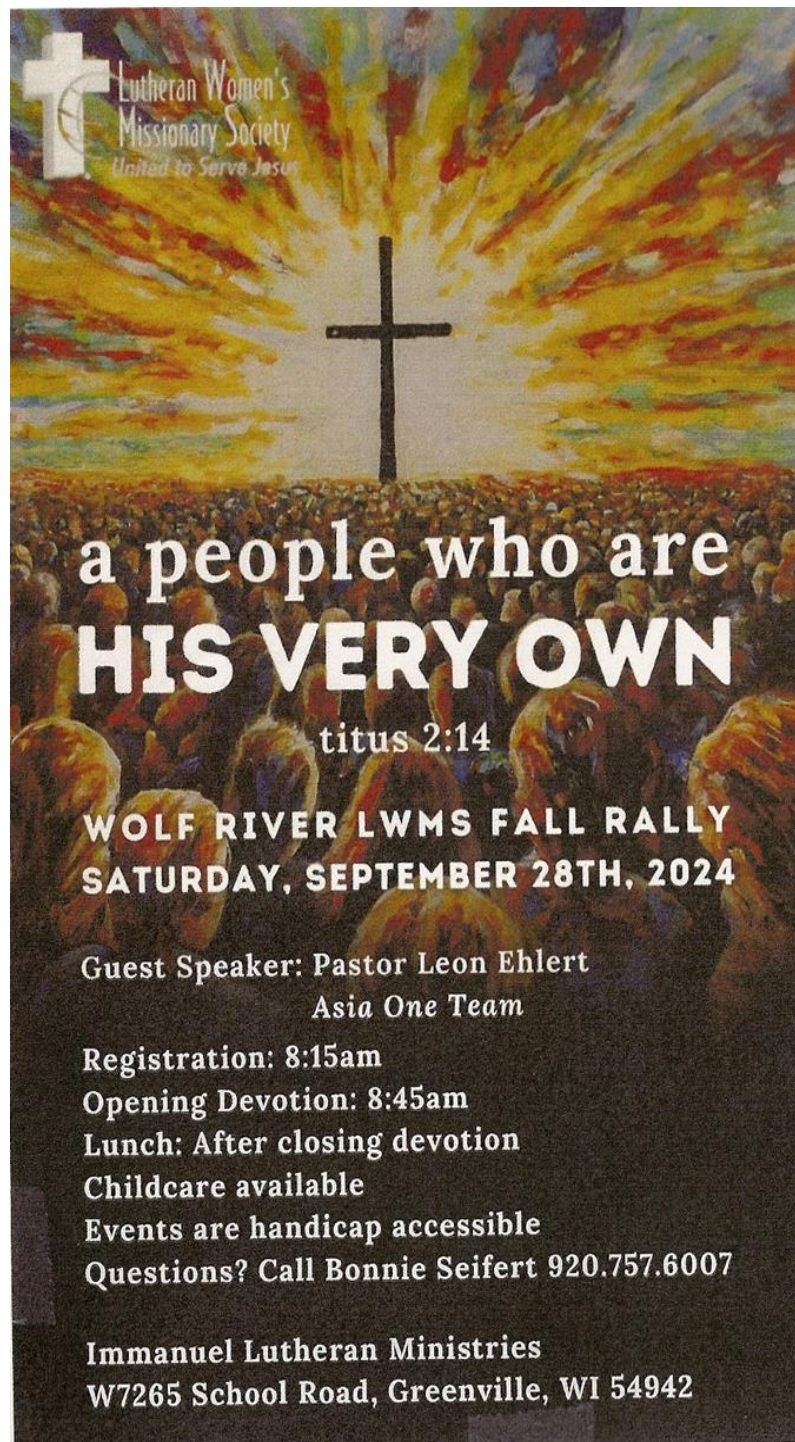
FVL GIVING DAY is set for **September 17**. Donations go toward making the \$475,000 annual mortgage payment. Watch fvlhs.org/giving for details. If you have questions or are interested in contributing toward a matching fund, contact Director of Mission Advancement Rev. Tom Mielke (tmielke@fvlhs.org).

ADOPT A HIGHWAY – (St. Paul) The next highway cleanup is scheduled for this Wednesday, Sept 18 at 9AM, rain date Sept 25. Please contact Chris Mihna if you are willing to help. Cell: 920-840-4370

OFFERINGS – (St. Paul) The weekly plate offerings for September 1 and September 8 were \$3,025.00 The Vanco online offerings for week ending August 31 were \$375.00 and for week ending September 7 were \$450.00.

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Lutheran Women's
Missionary Society
United to Serve Jesus

a people who are
HIS VERY OWN
titus 2:14

**WOLF RIVER LWMS FALL RALLY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2024**

Guest Speaker: Pastor Leon Ehlert
Asia One Team

Registration: 8:15am
Opening Devotion: 8:45am
Lunch: After closing devotion
Childcare available
Events are handicap accessible
Questions? Call Bonnie Seifert 920.757.6007

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