

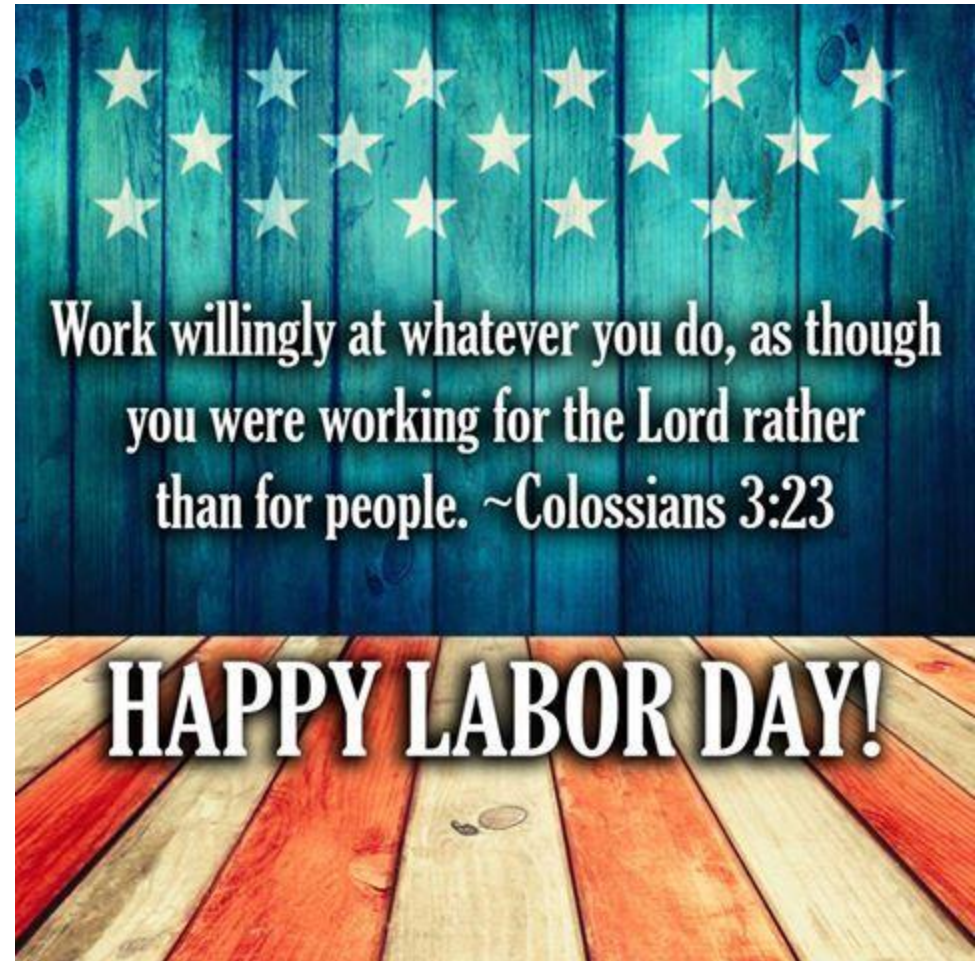
This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
9/5 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Outdoor Worship 10 AM 9/6 Church Office Closed - Labor Day 9/7 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM	9/12 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM 9/13 Elders 7 PM 9/14 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor Rev. Paul Werner
Organist Katherine Johnson
Elders Harold Gibson, Jeff Phan (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick (L)
Readers Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Beth Albrecht (L)
Acolytes Gwen Krupp (E) Frank Becker-Balcik (L)
Greeters Harold & Debbie Gibson (E)
Sound Bruce McGlothlin (E) Bruce McGlothlin (L)
Altar Guild Donna Kemmerle
Head Usher Ron Fisher
Ushers Harold Gibson, Jeff Krupp, Jeff Phan, Steve Warnock (E) Brad Draga (L)

COVID19 Prevention @ St. Paul Here at St. Paul we ask each person and family to use their best judgement, deciding what is their best action to prevent the spread of the covid virus. There are many personal factors to consider such as vaccine status, age, health condition, etc. If you choose to wear a face mask, please do. Free face masks are available at the main entrance if you would like one. Hand sanitizer is positioned throughout the church building. If you wish to keep social distance between yourself and others, please do so, and kindly ask others to respect your wishes. These are times of uncertainty that bring anxiety, so please extend grace to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ as together we live through this time of pandemic.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool
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 Sunday, September 5, 2021

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP: We respond to God's gifts of forgiveness and heaven by living for Him, that is, all we say, do, and think responds to and reflects Jesus' grace! When our relationship with God is so central in our lives, "our work works for us too!"

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

My God, Father and Savior, since You have commanded us to work in order to meet our needs, bless our labor that it may bring nourishment to our souls as well as to our bodies. Make us constantly aware that our efforts are worthless unless guided by Your light and by Your hand. Make us faithful to the particular tasks You have given to us, taking from us any envy or jealousy at the vocations of others. Give us a good heart to supply the needs of the poor. And if You should call us into greater poverty than we desire, save us from any spirit of defiance or resentment, but rather let us graciously and humbly receive the bounty of others. Above all, may every temporal grace be matched by spiritual grace, that in both body and soul we may live to Your glory. Amen.

Whether this is your first time at St. Paul, or you're a "regular," we hope you see that our welcome mat is out for you. If you're a guest with us for the first time, we hope you'll find today's experience helpful to you, and you are invited back any Sunday at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM.

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and any other help you might need.

Kids' Activity Bags are filled with crayons and coloring booklets, and other quiet things to keep kids' attention. They are in the back of the worship center or see an usher for these.

Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion are encouraged to thoroughly read the announcement on the following page regarding Communion reception.

Please Complete a Communication Card No matter whether this is your first time at St. Paul or you're a seasoned veteran around here, please fill out a Communication Card and place it in an offering plate at the sanctuary door. You'll find Communication Cards at the doors as you enter and in each pew. Thanks!

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by: Don & Diane Lamoreaux in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

TODAY'S 10am Worship Service is OUTDOORS (weather permitting) This is our final outdoor service of the summer. Gather on the shady lawn behind the parsonage.

Please Pray for One Another Our greatest help is the Lord God Himself, who eagerly invites us to pray to Him. Sealed bags containing several prayer cards are in the narthex / lobby for you. Pick up a bag, take it home, and pray for each person whose name you receive daily throughout the coming month of September.



- Pray for all those who labor, that their work is honorable, and a means to earn so they can share with others in need.
- Pray for families grieving as we observe the 20th anniversary of the 9/11/01 attacks.
- Thank God for first responders and firefighters who gave their lives on 9/11, and those who serve today.
- Pray that God comfort and heal the families of Armed Forces Troops killed during the past 20 years of fighting terrorism. Ask God to protect those who serve today.
- Pray for Armed Forces Veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan who have been injured physically and/or emotionally. Pray that they know their service has not been in vain, and that God grant His healing grace.
- Pray for the safety of Christians persecuted in Afghanistan and around the world.
- Pray for Cheryl Street, whose cancer is incurable is in hospice care at home. Thank God for her strong faith in Jesus her Savior and love of God. Keep her and her family - Don (husband), sons Nick & Tim in prayer, as they trust in Jesus' salvation.
- Pray for Marty Offineer who is now in hospice care at home. His brain tumor is cancerous and terminal. Pray that God give faith, peace, and guidance through the days and weeks ahead, and that they find great hope in God's promise of life everlasting.
- Pray for Ruth Murdy who is hospitalized at Mercy Hospital.
- Pray for Connie as doctors decide her treatment for cancer; Roger who has leukemia; Summer (Katie Steindl's godmother), Debbie Raesler (friend of Karen Green), Sherry (Kevin Starbuck's mother-in-law), Naomi Yates, Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock), Cindy Cole (cousin of Laurie Beran), and Michelle (friend of Beth Albrecht) who are battling cancer.
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Danny Koch, Eleanor Northeim, Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux, Ruth Pasta, Wade Hubbard, Jack & Marilyn Green, Ruth Murdy, Dorothy Barckert, Don Gramer, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week: Debra Coleff, Richard Leidenheimer, Penelope Koch, Brady Loch, Rachael Molnar, Ron Muska, JoAnna Tatum, Michael Molnar, Randy Murdy, Eric Bender, Cyndi Kemery, Rebecca Farmer, Paul Werner, Justin Krause, Sarah Majoras.

Orange colored leaves, Scarecrows, Indian Corn These are all sure signs of Fall. These are also the images on beautiful gifts you can give to a new resident in your neighborhood! What a wonderful way to welcome a new neighbor and meet them! Check out the amazing welcome basket in the narthex (lobby). And sign up so you can give September's basket to *your* neighbor. In August Judy Starbuck won a family movie night themed basket with popcorn, candy, DVDs, community information and an invitation to St. Paul. All you need to do is write down the address on an entry form in the narthex. Do it today!

Confirmation Ministry Program St. Paul's Family-based confirmation program is for students in their 7th or 8th grade years. Confirmation is a time of growing in faith and learning about what we believe in order to get ready for Communion. St. Paul has a great program where parents are involved in teaching by using DVD's and self-guiding workbooks at home. Then we get everyone together every month to discuss how we're growing with Pastor Paul. Find out how the program works and get materials **Sunday Morning September 19th at 11:15 am** in upper level Conference Room.



Door Offering Today for Victims of Hurricane Ida & Haiti Earthquake

On Sunday, Aug. 29, Hurricane Ida struck southern Louisiana. The storm came ashore about 45 miles west of where Katrina first struck land 16 years earlier to the day. At the time of landfall, Ida was a Category 4 storm with 150-mph winds. Mercifully, the winds quickly slowed to a Category 1 storm. Though the storm was not as devastating as some feared, those in its wake must now face the arduous process of cleanup and recovery.

On Aug. 14, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck southwest Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, causing physical destruction and the loss of human life.

LCMS Disaster Response has a long history of effective and efficient response work that impacts the hurting with Christian compassion. Your church body is at work.

You can help. A door offering is being taken today to help people impacted by these disasters. Your gifts may be placed in the box in the narthex. (Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, and indicate in the memo "World Relief.") You may also give directly on-line at lcms.org/disaster.