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## *Jesus Loves*

### *AUGUST 2023*

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<sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? **Luke 12:22-26**

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### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

314 - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093  
Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm

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Mission Statement

*"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."*

Vision Statement

*"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."*

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#### **SUNDAY MORNINGS (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST):**

✠ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:**

○ 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

✠ **Adult Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor)**

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## *St. Paul, Waseca Newsletter August 2023*

Dear friends in Christ,

Last week I got a request from a person who had a problem with violence. He wanted to know if St. Paul Lutheran had a program that taught a person how to deal with violence.

St. Paul does have a program - it is called confirmation. Everything a person needs to know about violence is contained in the first lesson of the Lord's Prayer, the first article of the Apostles Creed and the First Commandment.

You see the real problem is not the violence itself. The real problem is who is the violent person's God. The violent person was not born violent. But somewhere along the way he or she discovered violence as a way to obtain things. They soon discovered the more violent they became the more stuff they received. The problem with violence is that eventually you meet someone with more authority. This person with authority is usually a judge and jury. They have the authority to punish the individual effectively stopping the violent behavior. But this punishment does not stop the behavior. In fact, if the violent person is placed in prison, it becomes a workshop on how to be violent and at the same time learning to escape the punishment.

However, the three confirmation lessons mentioned above deal with violence in a different way. Instead of dealing with violence directly, it deals with it by attacking the root cause. The root cause of violence is not violence itself. The root cause of violence is not knowing who your God is. You see the god of the violent person is found in the sins listed in Galatians 5:19-20:

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions and divisions.

So as a person goes through life and has, fits of anger, the violence helps the person get their way. This pattern is also valid for the other sins.

But this pattern of violence is broken when the person is introduced to the God of the Old Testament and New Testament. When the person begins to believe in the Trinitarian God of Scriptures the need for violence begins to wane.

The judge and jury can temporarily hold back the behavior of the violent person. However, replacing the person's god of sin with the true God of scripture removes the violent person's need to sin.

Notice the judge and jury are external forces while having faith in the true God is an internal force. Thus, having faith in the true God is much more effective in making the behavioral change. The result is the person is motivated not only to not be violent but to replace the violence with loving your neighbor as yourself.

When that happens, the person goes from using the law of violence to using the grace of loving kindness only found in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Bob

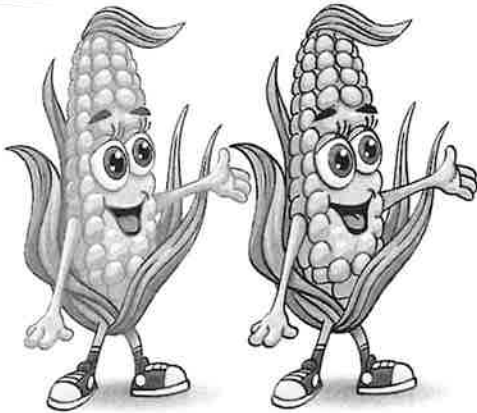
## Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event



Will resume on **September 10<sup>th</sup>** at **10:15** with **RALLY SUNDAY** in the old Parish Hall. Snacks, music, crafts and activities, lessons and a whole lot of fun!!! Please fill out your student's registration form and return to the church office so we make sure to have enough supplies. See you then!!



The **Community Salad Luncheon** will be held at St Paul on **August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023** from 11am to 1pm. \$8.00 per person.



Mark your Calendars!!!

The Board of Evangelism would like to invite you to our **CORN ON THE COB FEED!!**

**WHEN:** Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**TIME:** 4:30 pm till the corn is gone

**WHERE:** North East Park under the Pavilion

**Menu:** Corn on the Cob, Hot Dogs, Bars and Water

\*\* We are looking for volunteers to help out with prep work before the event, serving the food and watching the tables and clean up. If you are willing and able, please contact Barb Denn at 1-507-461-2694. This is a free willing offering event.



## **BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

As we read God's Word this month, look for water, fire, and heat. The prophets often spoke of fire and heat when referring to God's judgment. Jesus often referred to or used water in His teaching and miracles. God's love and grace in Christ moved Him to suffer the tortures of hell

### **AUGUST:**

1. Isaiah 65,66; Psalm 62; John 3
2. II Kings 21; II Chronicles 33; John 4
3. Nahum 1,2,3; John 5
4. II Kings 22; II Chronicles 34; John 6
5. II Kings 23; II Chronicles 35; John 7
6. Habakkuk 1,2,3; John 8
7. Zephaniah 1,2,3; John 9
8. Jeremiah 1,2; John 10
9. Jeremiah 3,4; John 11
10. Jeremiah 5,6; John 12
11. Jeremiah 7,8,9; John 13
12. Jeremiah 10,11,12; John 14
13. Jeremiah 13,14,15; John 15
14. Jeremiah 16,17; Psalm 96; John 16
15. Jeremiah 18,19,20; Psalm 93; John 17
16. II Kings 24; Jeremiah 22; Psalm 112; John 18
17. Jeremiah 23,25; John 19
18. Jeremiah 26,35,36; John 20
19. Jeremiah 45,46,47; Psalm 105; John 21
20. Jeremiah 48,49; Psalm 67; I John 1
21. Jeremiah 21,24,27; Psalm 118; I John 2
22. Jeremiah 28,29,30; I John 3
23. Jeremiah 31,32; I John 4
24. Jeremiah 33,34; Psalm 74; I John 5
25. Jeremiah 37,38,39; Psalm 79; II John
26. Jeremiah 50,51; III John
27. Jeremiah 52; Revelation 1; Psalm 143,144
28. Ezekiel 1,2,3; Revelation 2
29. Ezekiel 4,5,6,7; Revelation 3
30. Ezekiel 8,9,10,11; Revelation 4
31. Ezekiel 12,13,14; Revelation 5



**ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

Please arrange a replacement if you can not acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please notify the church office at 507-835-2647 when you have changed with another acolyte. Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023: (Sunday) Troy Ryan**

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023: (Sunday) Wyatt Arndt**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023: (Sunday) Ton Bethke/ Makayla Clark greeter**

**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023: (Sunday) Nalyce Quillen**

**#29ERS**

Will meet August 23rd at 11:30 am at Tasty House hosted by Gene Schwarz and Nancy Lee.

Come join us



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*(Please note: If your name is not listed; we do not have your birthdate in our church records. Please contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!)*

Name	Birthday			
Helen Krause	August 2nd		Emily Guerra	August 20th
Kaylee Seifert	August 3rd		Jonathan Klinger	August 20th
Aimee Hill	August 5th		Jeremy Sikel	August 20th
Derek Hammer	August 7th		Kenneth Lenz	August 21st
James Ross	August 7th		Brian Meyer	August 23rd
Brianna Duval	August 8th		Todd Proechel	August 23rd
Jerry Schoenfeld	August 8th		Lois Spies	August 23rd
Margaret Schwarz	August 10th		LaVern Sletten	August 26th
Michael Flogstad	August 11th		Bryson Fogal	August 28th
Jim Wyffels	August 12th		Rick Sikel	August 28th
Virginia Cromer	August 13th		Tyler Paulson	August 29th
Sharon Goetz	August 13th		Esther Dietrich	August 31st
Amanda Balk	August 14th			
Cheyenne Rosenthal	August 15th			
Randy Wobschall	August 15th			
John Barbknecht	August 16th			
James Larsen	August 16th			
Michael McCormick	August 17th			
David Seifert	August 18th			
Justin Deling	August 20th			

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

## **Sunday School Resumes on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Bring your child(ren) to hear and know the greatest true love story! We begin at 10:15 am, immediately following Fellowship time in the Parish Hall.

Ages 3 through 8th grade begin with Opening and Music, followed by Bible stories, crafts and activities. Small group and special events are planned! Students are released to their parents at 11:15am.

Contact Aimee Hill or the Board of Education to get involved in this rewarding ministry. Church office phone 507-835-2647 or email [stpaulwaseca@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulwaseca@gmail.com).

### **Pack a Box!**

#### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Box packing has already started! Sunday School students and youth will be packing boxes during their regular events. Adults can too – ask Jen LaCroix or Aimee Hill to get a box, pack it, and return it filled with toys, personal supplies, and school supplies. We will still have a packing party in November, but are hopeful for a more manageable number of boxes on that day.

School supply sales, summer clearance clothing racks and clearance toy bins are a great way to stock up for shoeboxes. Items will be stored in a locked room until the November packing party. Items are needed for boys and girls ages 2-14. Monetary donations are also accepted for the \$10 shipping cost per shoebox. Please note: no liquids, gum, gels, pastes, doughs, military toys (water guns) or candy allowed. All items must fit into a medium-sized shoebox. Please pray for the program and the children around the world who will receive the Christmas boxes. Questions? Please contact Aimee Hill in the church office at 507-835-2647 or Jen LaCroix at 507-384-1079 or [jenlacx@gmail.com](mailto:jenlacx@gmail.com). Thank you!

#### Current needs:

Toothbrushes (no toothpaste)

Washcloth wrapped around bar soap with rubber band – need about 50 more

Pens in black, red, blue – NEED up to 300 more

Pencils – NEED up to 1200 more

Colored pencils, Crayons, Markers – NEED up to 100 more sets of each

Erasers, Dry watercolor paint sets

Small pencil sharpeners – NEED up to 175 more

Coloring books and Notebooks of all sizes, lined or unlined – NEED up to 200 more

Combs, Brushes, Hair accessories

Wow! Toys such as dolls and cars/trucks

Wow! Toys for teens

Cups or Water bottles

Jump ropes, Marbles, Jacks, Outdoor activities

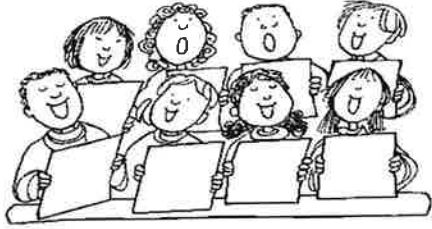
Playing cards, Small games

Solar calculator

Sunglasses, Band-Aids

Socks

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Anyone 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 100 who loves to sing and is interested in being part of the St Paul Lutheran Church Senior Choir or the Contemporary Ensemble in 2023-2024, please meet in the Fellowship Hall by the piano on Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Lenz.

## COTTA GUILD NEWS:



**Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission**

### July Cotta Guild Meeting:

1. Pastor started our meeting with a devotion on violence. References were to The Lords Prayer, 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Creed, etc.
2. We will be collecting school supplies thru July 31<sup>st</sup> by the elevator for the Neighborhood Service center.
3. The only birthday this month is Linda Seifert.
4. Judie thanked anyone involved for their help with a funeral, serving coffee hour and passing out Father's Day gifts.
5. Remember your Caring Brothers and Sisters.
6. Cindy gave a convention report. The theme was based on Psalm 33:12-13. She said, "It was wonderful experience with fellowship, bible studies and mission projects".
7. Workers for the salad luncheon should be at church by 10am on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> after our meeting we will be setting up the tables for the salad luncheon.
8. We serve social hour on August 13<sup>th</sup>, and voted to serve muffins. Judie, Cindy, Kathy and Barb will supply the muffins. We serve coffee hour again on August 20<sup>th</sup>, we will serve leftover bars from our salad luncheon.
9. We received a letter from Dakota Boy's Ranch. They want to know if we would be interested in selling bottles of honey. Each bottle is \$10.00 and we receive 30% of that \$10 as ours. We voted to presale the bottles on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
10. Kelly from "Care Givers" in Waseca would like to come and speak after a service. We will need to talk with the Elder's first.
11. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Waseca Food Shelf will be hosting a concert at Christ Community church. A free will offering will be taken. More information will be coming out later.
12. Our next meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm with Linda's circle serving followed by tables set up for the salad luncheon.



LWML will be putting out a mite box on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month to collect mites for missions' projects. Thank you for your support on this project.

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Our Cotta Guild supports missions near and far through the collection of our Mites for Mission donations. These mission projects are voted on at our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) national and district conventions by the delegates. Thank you for your support of our Mites for Missions on the second Sunday of each month. Your donations may be placed in the Mites boxes located at the church entrances. The following article tells of our mighty Mites in Mission in action in Northrup, MN.

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me," (Isaiah 6:8).

"I will teach whatever you want me to teach," said inaugural seventh and eighth grade teacher Teresa Kiehl at Martin Luther High School in Northrop, during an interview for the newly formed junior high teaching position, one year ago. God has certainly done mighty things through Teresa and MLHS since that moment in 2022! In April of 2022, St. James Lutheran School in Northrop, MN, found itself without a junior high teacher for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. It was decided, through much conversation and prayer, to shift the junior high grades to the high school campus, both to continue offering excellent Lutheran Christ-centered education to the area seventh and eighth graders, and to be better positioned to bring more students into MLHS.

But who would the new teacher be? It would need to be an excellent instructor, someone passionate about teaching but equally passionate about "preparing students for discipleship until Christ's return," which is the mission statement of Martin Luther High School. God answered the prayers of the MLHS administrators with Teresa Kiehl, a 1987 MLHS alumna, who had many years of experience teaching multiple grade levels and subjects and had also earned a master's degree in differentiated instruction from Concordia University in St. Paul. "As an alum, I am looking forward to giving back to Martin Luther and am very excited to be able to help expand the program," said Teresa. "I feel so blessed to have this opportunity." The inaugural year of the new junior high, housed within the walls of Northrop's Martin Luther High School, was a success!

In the words of Marge Thiesse, Director of Development at MLHS, "The Lord has truly blessed our efforts this year with generous support. Since last fall we have gained two students in junior high. A family enrolled their 8th grade boy in January. He had been homeschooled, as were his siblings. He came home so excited about the atmosphere here that the next day his brother and sister, a sophomore and junior, came for a visit and subsequently enrolled also!" Praise God! The junior high class finished out the year with eleven students. What does this have to do with your mite dollars? Already in this biennium, we have paid \$9,000 of a \$20,000 grant called "Generating a JESUS Generation Student Tuition Aid – Martin Luther High School." This grant provides tuition assistance to families in need, so that financial hardship need never be a hindrance to receiving quality Lutheran education. The exciting part for us is that our mission dollars will have an even broader impact, as more students can be brought into the MLHS community at a younger age/grade level. As Ms. Thiesse shared above, the growth possibilities are truly promising, and we trust the Lord to continue His good work at MLHS. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose, (Romans 8:28).

Faithfully submitted,  
Molly Loder  
VP of Gospel Outreach, 2022-26



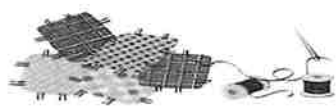
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- **Board of Stewardship** would like to thank everyone who have contributed to the food shelf donation boxes located by the elevator. Because of your generosity, close to 150 pounds have been donated to the food shelf!! You are making a difference.



Are you in need of transportation to appointments or to the store??  
 Are you able to drive someone to an appointment or to the store??  
 If you fit into either of these categories, please call the church office so, we can help you coordinate a driver.

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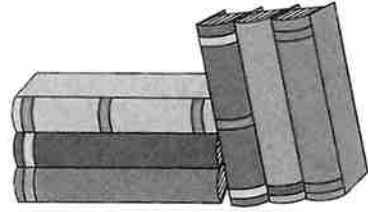
The Quilters will begin meeting again on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1pm. If you have the time and talent to share, or wish to learn how to quilt with a group of wonderful, fun loving individuals please contact Donna Hildebrandt. Everyone is welcome!!!

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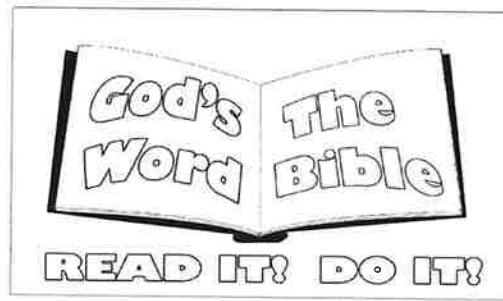


Please remember to mark on your offering envelope if you wish to give to any area of the church besides the general fund. Some options are: Church Improvements, Caring fund, Scholarships, Mission Trips, Memorial Fund, Pastors Discretionary Fund or the Organ Repair Fund.

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Remember to stop and check out library. Find a book to take home, or pull up a chair and relax with a cup of coffee !!!



**Our Prayer Team:** continues to meet on Monday mornings from 10-11 am to pray for what God is doing here at St. Paul Lutheran, for those with health concerns, and for all matters on our hearts. You're welcome to join us!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Will meet on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am! Everyone is welcome to join us.

**BIBLE BREAKFAST:** Meets every Thursday at 6:00 am at Jonnie Beans

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Meets every Sunday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall

**YOUTH GROUP:** Watch for more info.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Every Sunday morning starting September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am



**FAMOUS WORDS FROM OUR CHURCH PRESIDENT:**

“Children’s Letters to God

- Dear Pastor, I hope to go to heaven some day but later than sooner. Love Ellen age 9, Athens
- Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph age 11, Akron
- Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody, be he never met my sister. Sincerely, Arnold Age 8, Nashville
- Dear Pastor, My father should be a minister. Everyday he gives us a sermon about something. Robert, 11
- Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen,

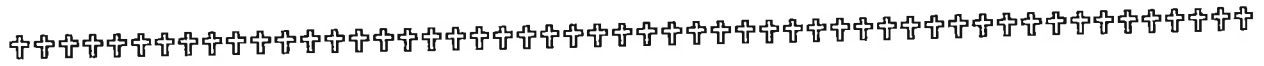
**ST. PAUL SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Dear Parents and Friends in Christ,

We value your child as a child of God. Please help us by providing the following information for our records. Please fill it out as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance in this area as we serve the Lord through educating our children.

In Christ's Service,  
Board of Education, Sunday School Superintendent and Teachers



**PARENT(S)' NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone #(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zipcode** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact & Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENTS TO BE REGISTERED**

**1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Baptized YES or NO**

**Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism date** \_\_\_\_\_

**2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Baptized YES or NO**

**Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism date** \_\_\_\_\_

**3** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Baptized YES or NO**

**Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism date** \_\_\_\_\_

**4** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Baptized YES or NO**

**Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism date** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 3:**

**1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptized YES or NO**

**Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_

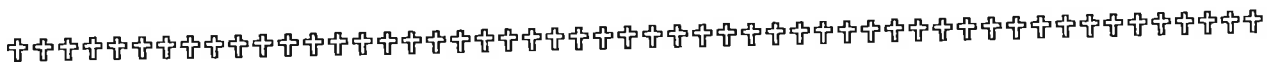
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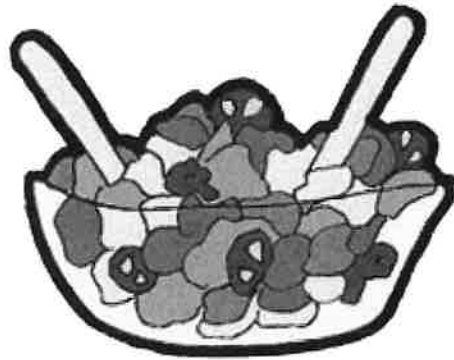
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# Community Salad Luncheon



**Friday, August 18, 2023**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**\$8.00 / per person**

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- Handicap accessible -





# August 2023

## St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	7. 10:00 am Prayer Team	1. 6:00 pm Elders 6:00pm Stewardship	2. 9:30am Women's Bible 7pm Evang. & Trustee	3. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 10:00 am Education	4. Mission Trip Team Returns home	5.
13. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study 4:30 pm CORN FEED at North East Park	14. 10:00 am Prayer Team	8.	9. 7:00 pm Contemp. Ensemble practice	10. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	11. 11am – 1pm Community Salad Luncheon	12.
20. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	21. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm NSC Board News Letter Articles Due	22.	16. 9:30am Women's Bible	17. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 1:00 pm Cotta Guild	18. 11am – 1pm Community Salad Luncheon	19.
27. 9am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study	28. 10:00 am Prayer Team	29.	23. Noon 29er's @ 11:30am at Tasty House	24. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	25.	26.
			30.	31. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean		

