



# Newsletter

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## Behind the Curtain

I just finished teaching an 11-week online course for Concordia Seminary called Preaching I. It is designed for pre-ordination men in the Specific Ministry Program, and is exactly what it sounds like: an introduction to preaching. Our own Pastor Schultz took this class a couple years ago (though he had a different professor—incidentally the same one I had). In this class, I take the students through the philosophy and theology of preaching—both the *heart* of it and the *art* of it.

The *heart* of preaching, by our definition, is “authoritative public discourse, crafted by the preacher, based on a text or texts of Scripture, centered in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, for the benefit of the faith and life of the hearers.”

The *art* of preaching, by my working definition, is “the event of sermonic discourse that exhibits the formative interaction between the preacher and hearers.”

Shake the cobwebs and stay with me.

Another way of putting that is the *heart* of preaching is what the sermon *is*. The *art* of preaching is how the sermon *feels*.

It is incredibly easy to teach the *heart* of preaching: do this, don't do this. Lutherans make it simple: take a text, preach the law, preach the gospel, go to lunch.

It is incredibly difficult (but much more fun) to teach the art of preaching, simply because every preacher is different. Each one has his own personality, his own history, his own ... quiriness. So do the hearers.

Well, at least half a dozen times throughout the class, students asked me questions to the effect of my own process of sermon writing. “Yes, ok, we hear the philosophy, the instructions ... but how do you do it?” Despite my attempts to pivot and explain that every experienced preacher has a different personal process, and you should start with this basic one (i.e. crawl before you walk), they prevailed upon me to the point that I basically wrote a sermon in front of them. At least, as a group we went through the beginning phases of what would later be a sermon. Parts brainstormed, parts left out, parts put in, text studied. Then, as I left on vacation, I sent them the finished sermon that was a real-life example of what I wanted to see in their first full sermon assignment. (You heard it on July 6.)

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**SAVED**

by Jesus,

**SENT**

to serve.

## Behind the Curtain

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Anyway, since summer is winding down, a newsletter is due, I have finally caught up to my inbox, and this is fresh in my mind, I figured I'd do something similar. That is, as I write this it is Tuesday the 12th, so the sermon for this Sunday the 17th is obviously unfinished yet. If you've ever wondered, "Yes, but *how* do you come up with the sermon?" the rest of this newsletter will be a sort of stream of consciousness—a peek behind the curtain—before the sermon exists as a completed event. If you read this before Sunday the 17th, maybe it'll impact the way you hear the sermon. Maybe not. We'll see. Let's have some fun ...

[Sunday after church I headed to the lectionary and flipped the page and read the texts for next week. Normally the gears start turning for a while before I go home. This week, just a cursory glance. It's too hot in here, I'll look more closely later.]

Tuesday morning:

Jeremiah 23:16–29? Ack. Last time I preached on Jeremiah, I reread the whole book, then tried to do too much and it flopped. Lying prophets? That could be fun. Eh, it'd just be an echo-chamber sermon probably. Everyone lies but us. No real challenge for the hearers.

Hebrews 11:17–12:3? Maybe. Today was the first part of 11, Schultz did *fides qua/quae*, is there someway I can follow up on his definitional structure? "Cloud of witnesses" is often misunderstood. Oo, I have a story about that. In Colorado, that one lady on the street ministry team referred to the cloud of witnesses as people watching us. Yuck. That isn't at all what is meant. Pretty sure "witness" here is "martyr". Like a courtroom "witness." We are surrounded by saints who testified to the same truth and got brutalized; so be encouraged and run with endurance. Grandma isn't watching me from heaven. But people are watching me on earth. I have become the witness to encourage others. There's something there I think.

Hey, it just started raining! Thank the Lord. I'm opening a window. Oops, forgot to pray: "Thank you for the opportunity to preach your Word to your people. May my words have a Spirit of power to convert those not yet your own, and to confirm those who are yours, by the power that subdues all things to the Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Ok. Luke 12:49–56. "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens." ...wow. Good timing with the rain and all. Back to Jeremiah? "Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked." Either these two together or Hebrews' witness motif.

Clouds, rain, wrath? But we need this rain. We need this wrath? Who needs wrath? Last week's Hebrews 11 says "Noah condemned the world" by his building of the ark. Gee whiz, more water. 1 Peter 3, baptism is pretty obvious. The wrath of God poured out on sin, we are drowned and made alive in baptism. Luke 12, "I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!" So, the "baptism" of Jesus on the cross is really what we are united to in our baptism by water and Spirit (Romans 6). He refers to division on the earth. We are "separated from the multitude of unbelievers" in the baptismal prayer.

Man, too bad there isn't a baptism this Sunday. Shoot, the rain is coming in the window. Clean that up and shut the window.

Back to Hebrews: *cloud* of witnesses. What is it really? 12:1 says νέφος μαρτύρων. "Nephos martyrion." Yep, I was right about martyr. "Cloud of witnesses."

A thunderstorm of martyrs. That's a funny image. Raining cats and dogs. Raining saints and martyrs. Suddenly I imagine a bunch of Old Testament people falling from the sky like rain, and now I'm giggling to myself.

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## Behind the Curtain

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Every baptism is a sign to the world that the wrath of God is about to burst. We are brought into the raincloud that is the font, the ark of salvation, and implicitly condemn the unbelieving world. This seems too convoluted to parse out in 15 minutes. The whole thing would have to be about baptism, and I would confuse people because I'd have to turn the font into a point of judgment. Back up. Begin at the end: what do I want the result to be at the Amen?

*Goal: that the hearers look to Jesus, running with endurance knowing that they are the ones being watched by others—both saints and the world.*

*Or goal: that the hearers are encouraged by the signs of judgment and wrath, confident that they have the "scorn of the cross" through Christ.*

In other words, we have this list of saints/martyrs in Hebrews as comfort in the knowledge that we are not alone, and that we in turn become an example of saints/martyrs for those who come after us. The wicked, when they see us, are condemned by our faithfulness. Every baptism, every worship service, every Sacrament, is at the same time our salvation and by its very being a condemnation of the unbelieving world.

The story about that lady works: we are not encouraged because the saints are watching us; we are encouraged because the world is watching us. Keep that.

- 1.The other saints are watching us.
- 2.The world is watching us.
- 3.Eyes on Jesus: he is watching us, running with us.

Ok, that's enough for now. It's gotta breath for a while, and the newsletter is getting too long. See you Sunday.

-Pastor Matyas

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## St. Paul 14th Annual JME Memorial Run/Walk



14th Annual JME Memorial Run/Walk - Please join us for a morning of exercise, fellowship and remembrance - Our Annual JME Memorial Run/Walk will be held Saturday, September 6th, 2025. Students, ages 10 and under, can participate in the ¼ mile run at 9:00 AM and will receive a medal for participation. The 1 mile and 2 mile run/walk will begin at 9:15 AM. All races will begin on Ziegler Rd (just next to the Church). Registration deadline is Wednesday, August 27th to guarantee a race t-shirt. T-shirts are also available for purchase for \$15.00 even if you are not running or walking. Please fill out a form to purchase a shirt. We would love to have you attend for a great morning of fellowship. Thank you for your continued support of this event. We hope to see you on Sept. 6th!

## From the Principal's Office

The theme verse for the 2025-2026 school year is Psalm 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." A storm swept through our area the other day. It carried thunder, lightning, strong winds, and heavy rains. The rain was a blessing to the dry ground, no doubt about it, but the darkening skies at 5:45 pm put in mind how quickly our view can go from bright to dark simply with heavy cloud cover.

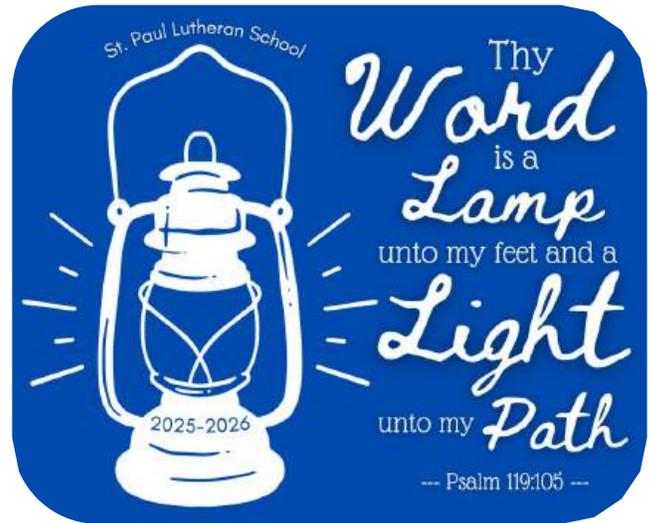
When the sky gets dark, we turn on the lights. As a people who operate best with clear vision and good lighting, we look immediately to an additional source of light when the sun isn't shining. How has your vision been recently? Decent lighting? Too dim to see clearly?

This summer I had the opportunity to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans with about 20,000 teenagers, chaperones, and volunteers. The theme was Endure. My heart drank deeply the Truths of scripture geared towards 14-18 year olds. I was reminded over and over again that we Endure in Jesus, we Endure together, and we Endure until the end. Simply saying the word endure over and over helped me to remember the walk of a Christian is not designed to be 100% flourishing 100% of the time, a great part of life is enduring, and we endure with hope knowing that Jesus endures with us, we endure together as a people of God, and we keep on enduring throughout the sanctified life. It gave me a renewed energy, strength, and willingness to continue in the vocation at hand. These Truths shined great light into my life.

God's Word (Jesus) is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. It shines down to where we are stepping and up from where we are walking. It guides us, leads us, directs us, and beckons us toward Him.

Keep St. Paul Lutheran School in your prayers. Pray that God's Word continues to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Pray that the students and families that partner with St. Paul will experience the light of Christ. Pray that they will flourish in His Word and in His light. Pray that when flourishing isn't taking place, that we endure together as we keep our eyes on Him.

-Principal Mrs. Valerie Matyas



## Ladies Aid - September Meeting

The next Ladies Aid meeting is scheduled for September 8 at 6:30 p.m. Please note that the time has change. Sarah Schimm will be leading a craft at this meeting and the supplies will be provided.

## St. Paul Family Fun Fest!

# ST. PAUL FAMILY FUN FEST! SEPTEMBER 6, 2025



**9 AM  
JME  
RACE**

**10 AM - 1 PM  
FOOD  
& FUN**

**DUNK  
TANK!**

**HOT DOGS - CHIPS - COTTON CANDY - POP  
ITALIAN ICE - BOUNCE HOUSE - LAWN GAMES**

**DUNK TANK Fundraiser featuring: St. Paul 8th Grade Class!**

**\* St. Paul Lutheran Church \*  
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## Welcome our Newest Members!



Miriam Koltvedt became a member of St. Paul in 2023 and John joined her after being married by Pastor Matyas in 2025. John graduated high school from Valley Lutheran and joined the Army National Guard as a Military Police Officer upon graduating in 2021. While still serving, he graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a BA in Communications and a BS in Criminal Justice and currently works for Spicer Group Inc. as a Copywriter. Miriam also graduated from Valley Lutheran high school in 2021 and started the nursing program at Saginaw Valley State University. Miriam has one semester left in the program and currently works as a Patient Care Technician for MyMichigan Health in Midland. John and Miriam are excited to be members of St. Paul and look forward to growing in their faith.

Mark & Ruth Dixon: Mark used to work in road construction and Ruth did office work. They lived in Clawson, MI for 30 years and were members at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church & School. Kelly Schimm is their daughter, and they moved to Bay City to be near her and her family.



Peter and Kelly Schimm are both from Michigan. Peter is originally from Bay City and is the youngest son of Thomas and Naomi Schimm, and Kelly is from Clawson, daughter of new members Mark and Ruth Dixon. They lived in Phoenix, Arizona, for six years before moving back to Michigan in 2021. Peter is the new Director of Parish Music and teaches music at the school, and Kelly works as the bookkeeper. They have three children: Rachel, Megan, and Matthew.

Contact information for new members received since the latest directory was published, is provided in the blue photo album at the bottom of the case where new member pictures are displayed in the church entry. Pictures removed to make room for new ones are stored in the photo album until those recently received members are pictured in a new directory.

## ALL THINGS CONSIDERED WE PRAY FOR PERSECUTORS

Dear heavenly Father,

Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and save those who are lost, for you are not willing that any should perish.

Through your grace and mercy, soften the hearts of those who are attempting to silence our persecuted brothers' and sisters' witness and hinder the gospel's advance. May they repent of their sins and turn to faith in Christ. And as they experience new life in Christ, may they boldly proclaim that the forgiveness they have received is available to all.

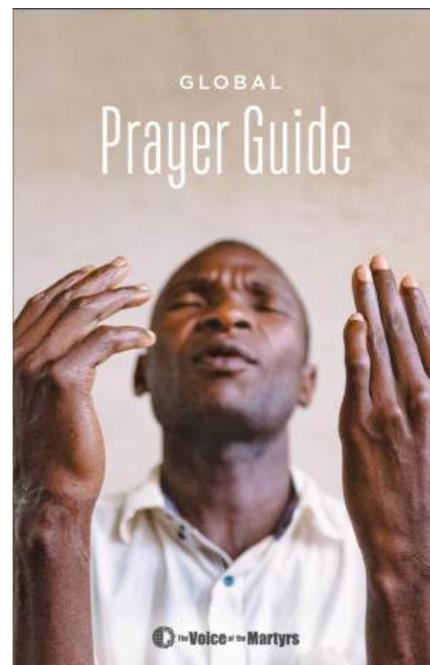
Guard our own hearts from hatred toward those who persecute our Christian brothers and sisters. Have mercy on us, Lord.

Thank you, Father, for demonstrating your love toward us, that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. May we share that message boldly and faithfully.

In Jesus' name, Amen."

This prayer was taken in its entirety from the "2025 GLOBAL Prayer Guide published by The Voice of the Martyrs."

Please continue to keep those Christians facing persecution world-wide in your prayers. Remember to always be witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ whose name we bare.



*JOY Group - September Meeting*

"JOY" will meet at the Ministry Center on Thursday, September 18, at 12 noon for lunch. Following lunch we will have fellowship and a fun game. Hope to see you there.



## Acolyte and Reader Schedule for September 2025

<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Readers:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Sept. 7</b>	Heidi Haas	Max Finney		John Schlicker	Richard Doan
<b>Sun., Sept. 14</b>	Ethan Matyas	Delano Bach		—	Josh Wegener
<b>Sun., Sept. 21</b>	Molly Haas	Elaina Covioe		—	Brian Appold
<b>Sun., Sept. 28</b>	Jett Bourdow	Tye Riley		Sam Britton	—

## Altar Guild and Ushers in September 2025

<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>8 a.m. Ushers: Group #3</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Ushers: Group #6</b>	<b>Head Usher:</b>
Joanne Behmlander	ART ZEILINGER 992-4602	BRIAN APPOLD 293-0195	Dale Jezowski 327-7613
Melissa Appold	Jason Schlicker	Scott Weiss	
Jean Begick	Peter Auernhammer	Jeffrey Olson	
	Dan Bebow	Eddie Switek	
	Sawyer Bewbow	Mike Meyers	

## Family Elder List

	<b><u>Family Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Elder:</u></b>		<b><u>Family Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Elder:</u></b>
A - Ba	Abraham-Bass	Brian Appold	Ki - L	King-Lutz	DJ Bourdow
Bb - Bz	Bebow-Bush	Mike Appold	M - O	MacLeod-Ott	Scott Weiss
Ca - E	Campbell-Engelhardt	Jeremy Begick	P - Sb	Parker-Sawicki	Jeremy Warren
F - G	Finney-Gurnee	Ben Burnison	Sc - T	Schaefer-Trogan	Howard McMullen
H-Kh	Helmreich-Kernstock	Terry Burkard	V - Z	VanCise-Zimmer	Jerry Schlicker

Your elder should be able to answer any church related questions you may have, or they can find the person who can answer your question.

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**Office Manager:**  
Mrs. Nicole Burnison

Newsletter articles for the next newsletter are due on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. You may submit articles to the email address below or drop them off in the office.  
Website: [www.stpaulbaycity.org](http://www.stpaulbaycity.org)  
Email: [office@stpaulbaycity.org](mailto:office@stpaulbaycity.org)

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2025  
(Approved)**

Chairman Weston Appold called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. Pastor Matyas led us in an opening prayer.

Council members in attendance include: Weston Appold, Pastor Matyas, Valerie Matyas, DJ Bourdow, Greg Behmlander, Judy Spielhaupter, Leeta Theiss, Jim Marter, and John Schlicker.

**Acknowledgement of Blessings** – New school staff, new family members, end of another school year.

**Minutes** - *A motion passed* approving the minutes from May 15th, 2025 council meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** –

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

**Committee Reports**

**Gifts and Memorials** – Musical Equipment Upgrade for the Church balcony. This includes a stand, a mixer and a keyboard not to exceed.

The G&M documents and process will be reviewed.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Board of Elders** - Chairman DJ Bourdow reported the following:

1. Looking for a new study topic for the Elders.
2. Looking into getting more pew cushions.
3. Considering moving the last pew on the south side to accommodate handicap seating.
4. Baptism: None
5. Deaths: None
6. Transfers In: Mark and Ruth Dixon - Monitor, John Koltvedt – Peace, Peter, Kelly, Rachel, Megan, Matthew Schimm – St. John, Amelith
7. Continuing to pursue peaceful releases.
8. May pursue new sign in sheets for the church. Suggest including a QR code to the donation website.

**Board of Trustees** - Chairman Greg Behmlander reported they are continuing to do repairs at church and school. Narthex walls are stripped getting prepped for painting. Working on taking down the Wildcat from the gym wall.

**Board of Education** - Chairman Judy Spielhaupter reported the following:

1. The Board welcomed Caleb Schultz as a new member
2. Election results:
  - a. Chair – Judy Spielhaupter
  - b. Secretary – Kara Marner
  - c. Committee assignments were made
3. The Board hosted a combination 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation/Staff Anniversaries/Thank Yous/Farewells cake and card reception on Sunday, June 8.
4. Rachel Abraham's Farewell will be held as a potluck after the late service on Sunday, June 29
5. The PTO Raised \$3,799.55 for the new mural in the gym. Painting is set to begin on June 16.
6. CEF may be able to provide funding for the Wellspring school counselor.

**Board of Business Management** – No representative from BoBM

Lynn Hendrick is leading the finance review section needed for the School Accreditation. Checking into a third party that can audit the financials as a good business practice, particularly during each Accreditation cycle, which is a new requirement for Accreditation.

*A motion passed* approving appointing Andy Wiess for a one-year term to take over for Dan Coveo.

Valerie Matyas requested \$5000 for updates to the art room at the school. Funds to come from Elmer Wagner fund.

*A motion passed* approving up to \$5000 from the Elmer Wagner fund for updates to the art room.

**Board of Youth** – Chairman John Schlicker reported the following:

Board Appointment – Logan Lightfoot has accepted a three-year appointment to the Board.

**A motion passed** approving appointing Logan Lightfoot for a three-year term.

SNYG

1. Between the Matyas, Cmeyla and Schlicker families hosting, SNYG will meet twice in June and July. Still working out details for August.
2. The Can Collection drive will be in the bulletin this weekend. Thank you to the Trustees for assembling the shed.

National Youth Gathering

1. The dates are 7/19/25 - 7/23/25.
2. The JW Marriott on Canal Street has been confirmed.
3. The flights are reserved departing 7/18/25 at 6:05 a.m. from Detroit and returning 7/24/25 at 11:50 a.m.
4. In the process of coordinating trips between St. Paul and the airport.
5. There was a parent/youth meeting held on June 4<sup>th</sup> to review current status.

Junior High

1. 11 students are interested in attending the gathering in Frankenmuth in August. Registration ends on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
2. Fundraiser at the Governor's Quarters on June 17<sup>th</sup>
3. This summer there will be a "Farewell and Welcome" party for the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders and outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
4. Looking for a Bible Study for next year.
5. May pursue a Gifts and Memorial request for more seating in the Youth Room.

Sunday School

1. On break through the summer.

VBS

1. VBS is scheduled for 6/23/25 - 6/27/25.
2. Still looking for volunteers

Confirmation

Paused during the summer.

**Board of Discipleship** – Leeta Theiss

Discussed updating the Friendship pads. Will work with the Elders.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Narthex space optimization – getting ready to paint soon.
2. Investigating Security Updates for security cameras, alarms, notification system (PA), keyless entry. Representative met with Pastor Schultz.
3. Investigating updating the bleachers at school. Will require at least six-month lead time.

**New Business**

1. Yearly Appointments
  - a. LEAP
    - i. Looking for a Rep
  - b. Church Extension Fund
    - i. Looking for a Rep
  - c. Sextons
    - i. Kenny Zeilinger
    - ii. Howard Helmreich
  - d. Grounds
    - i. Wayne Zeilinger
  - e. Recreation Committee
    - i. Terry Gehrman
  - f. Counters – those appointed by assistant financial secretaries

2. Review Yearly Council Meeting schedule.

3. Upcoming meetings

**Next Voter's Meeting – Sunday January 11th, 2026**

**Next Council Meeting - Thursday, July 10th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. Pastor Matyas closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schlicker, Pro Tem Secretary

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2025  
(Approved)**

Chairman Weston Appold called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Schultz led us in an opening prayer.

Council members in attendance include: Weston Appold, James Marter, Pastor Schultz, DJ Bourdow, Greg Behmlander, Judy Spielhaupter, Leeta Theiss and Sharon Schlicker.

**Acknowledgement of Blessings** – Our church family and beautiful weather.

**Minutes** - *A motion passed* approving the minutes from June 12th, 2025 council meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** - No report

**Committee Reports**

**Gifts and Memorials**

1. Andrea Dent – A request for a St. Paul Canopy, to replace the one that was accidentally damaged. The amount not to exceed \$1,000. *A motion passed* to approve a new canopy, not to exceed \$1,000.
2. Valerie Matyas – A request for hooks and racks for the Y5-K classroom. The cost is \$1,293.31, which includes shipping. *A motion passed* for the purchase of hooks and racks.
3. DJ Bourdow – A request from the Elders, for \$500 for new chairs. The chairs will be used to replace a pew in a new handicap area in church. *A motion passed* for \$500 for new seating.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Board of Elders** - Chairman DJ Bourdow reported the following:

1. Membership changes
  - a. In: Elise Leapley
  - b. Out: Peaceful Releases – Troy Balzar, Sharon Sny
2. Baptism: Birdy Lou Demers, Bennett Bourdow, Jameson Allen Cliff
3. Deaths: Eugene Schlicker, Robert Kochalka

**Board of Trustees** – Chairman Greg Behmlander reported that they will be checking out options and cost for lights, drop ceiling and flooring for the school basement classroom. The double door fridge in the school kitchen is not operating and will need attention. They will be changing the drinking fountains in school to include filters, which are needed due to new regulations. The sprinkler system at church is now working.

**Board of Education** - Chairman Judy Spielhaupter reported the following:

1. The farewell potluck for Rachel Abraham was well attended.
2. As of July 1, school enrollment is 126 (Preschool 23 / Y5-8 103)
3. New students will be given St. Paul Wildcats t-shirts to welcome them to the school family.
4. A new basement classroom is being renovated to house the part-time First Grade a.m. and Art classes p.m. A budget of less than \$5,000 was set by the Board of Business Management.
5. The new Wildcat mural in the school gym has been completed.
6. Accreditation
  - a. A Steering Committee is being formed to oversee the entire process.
  - b. Sub-committees are being formed for each of the 8 standard areas.

**Board of Business Management** - No report

**Board of Youth** - Weston Appold shared Chairman John Schlicker's report:

1. Board Chairman - John Schlicker
2. Board Secretary - Tiffany List
3. Board Treasurer - Vicki Begick

SNYG

1. The Matyas, Cmeyla and Schlucker families will work out hosting details for August - December. The last few years we've had an August bonfire at the Matyas house.
2. The Can Collection has collected over \$200 already.

**National Youth Gathering - Christy Swartz**

1. The dates are 7/19/25 - 7/23/25
2. The JW Marriott on Canal Street has been confirmed.
3. The flights are reserved departing 7/18/25 at 6:05 a.m. from Detroit and returning 7/24/25 at 11:50 a.m.
4. In the process of coordinating trips between St. Paul and the airport. Still need volunteers for the return trip from Detroit.
5. There is a parent/youth meeting on July 13th to review last minute details.
6. During the July 13th church service, Pastor Schultz will commission all those who are present, who will be going to the youth gathering.

**Junior High**

1. Waiting for an invoice from the district office for the gathering.
2. Fundraiser at Governor's Quarters on June 17th raised approximately \$300.
3. This summer there will be a "Farewell and Welcome" party for the incoming 6th graders and outgoing 8th graders.
4. Looking for a bible study for next year.

**Sunday School**

1. On break through the summer

**VBS**

1. VBS went well with 74 kids and 20 volunteers attending.

**Confirmation**

1. Paused for the summer.

**Board of Discipleship** - Chairman Leeta Theiss reported more postcards have been sent out to visitors. On Sunday morning, Pastor Schultz will encourage everyone to sign in and ask visitors to also give their contact information, if they wish to.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Narthex space optimization – drywall and painting will be done after Labor Day
2. Upgraded security system – proposals will be reviewed

**New Business**

1. School bleachers (August 14th Council Meeting)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Schlucker, Secretary

**Next Council Meeting - Thursday, August 14th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

# St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Calendar

September  
2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																																																																											
	<b>1</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;">Office Closed - No School - Labor Day Recess</div>	<b>2</b>  7:00 PM Elders Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  6:00 PM Board of Education	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  9:00 AM JME Run/Walk 10:00 AM Family Fun Fest (Church Parking Lot)																																																																																											
<b>7</b> <b>Education Sunday</b> 8:00 AM Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Bible Class & Sunday School & Junior High Youth Group 10:30 AM Celebration & Praise with Communion 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>8</b>  6:30 p.m. Board of Business Management 6:30 PM Ladies Aid	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;">Newsletter Articles Due</div>	<b>11</b>  6:30 PM Church Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>																																																																																											
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