

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

2022 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. 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 they! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If you then are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Luke 12: 22-26

Family of believers at St. Paul Lutheran—

Thank you for the warm greetings this past month! It has been a joy to meet many of you in church and get acquainted with my new surroundings here as your new pastor! A lot has happened in just a month's time and I know more will be happening in the future.

This text from Luke was used during my first worship service leading as pastor on August 14. The meaning is rather self-explanatory, with Jesus telling us that not only are we humans of much more value than the animals that roam this earth, but that God knows all the things we need to get through this life and promises to provide them for us. Any undue worrying, stress, and playing the 'what if' game are of no value. Jesus even describes adding one single hour to a person's life span as a **small** thing from His perspective! If He considers that to be small, how much smaller are the needs we do worry about that are hypothetically within our control!

During that sermon I explained how the congregation as well as my family and I went through several worries as we all anticipated the beginning of this time together. Now that that time has come, there may be other worries that creep into your mind: what if attendance numbers don't change? What if there is disagreement on what activities to pursue? What if tensions rise on how to handle church funds? So often we think and act like the world will collapse if things don't go **our** way, since our way is definitely the way that makes most sense, right?

During the last full week of August I have begun visiting some of the shut-ins at our congregation. Between these visits and doing similar visits over vicarage, I am always struck by how, even though they have some of the things to most be worried about by human standards, they appeared to be the most contented with their situation and how they recognize no matter what happens to them in this life, Jesus' invitation for them to not worry is just as relevant as it is for us. My hope is the rest of us can take these words of Jesus to heart as we understand that unpredictable and disappointing things will happen in life, but none of them are a surprise to God and He is always there, guiding us along, and above all sustaining us in our baptisms and through His word, body and blood. God knows the plans and future for St. Paul Lutheran in Addison, and now we look forward to what lies in store, knowing who holds the future for all of us. He never worries, and because He does not, we have the freedom not to as well.

Blessed to serve—

Pastor Kevin Peterson

ST. PAUL QUILTERS

Quilt Weekend is coming on October 1 & 2! At that time, we will have the quilts that have been made during the past year displayed on the pews and hanging from the balcony before they are packed up to be distributed around the world by Lutheran World Relief. A door offering will be held in order to continue to fund the quilt ministry.

We continue to make prayer quilts as requested. If you know of someone that needs spiritual support, these lap quilts are a tangible reminder that others are lifting him or her up in prayer. Please contact Diane Junokas or Betty Franke at if you have a request.

Ten years ago, Penny Brecht invited members of St. Paul to work on this ministry project and the faithful cutters, sewers, and knotters have made baptism quilts, prayer quilts, and quilt quilts that have been sent to people all around the world. In spring, 25 quilts were sent to the Ukraine along with prayers for the safety of those who would receive them. After leading and coordinating the efforts of the quilters over all these years, Penny is stepping down from her role as St. Paul's Quilt Queen after this year's Quilt Weekend. She and Lynn Vehrs--who put in so many hours in our church basement even though they are members of other Lutheran churches--will be sorely missed, but we are ever-grateful for their years of guidance and dedicated service!

The quilters generally meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (except in July and December) at 10:15am in the quilting room (former church library). No experience is needed, but helping hands are! Please join us.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30pm in the church conference room. We are also looking for some help. If you are able to help set-up and clean-up communion on a couple weekends a month, two or three times a year, please join us. We work in teams of two so you would have a partner to share the duties with. We can also use some members for cleaning, which involves dusting the pews and altar and filling up pew racks with cards and pencils. These teams also meet twice a month a couple times a year. We would appreciate any and all help. Please join us at our meeting or contact Janice Fuglsang, Diane Junokas or Diane Nicewarner if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We collected \$575 during the offering gathered during Pastor Kevin's installation service to be donated to the Concordia St. Louis Seminary Guild. The Guild works to cultivate interest in the Seminary and enhances the lives of students on campus. From contributing to the tangible blessings of the Food Bank and Re-Sell It Shop, to supporting its many events, the Guild serves the Seminary in all it does.

LWML AND LADIES' AID

Ladies' Aid and Lutheran Women's Missionary League will meet together on Thursday, September 8 at 1:30 pm in the conference room. Park in the back parking lot and enter through the back office door. We will have a short meeting and then a Bible study. Please join us!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. If you like to stop it, you are welcome, but it is always best to call ahead to be certain that some one is in the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume on September 11. Children age three through 5th grade will meet during worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The teachers are ready for an exciting year of leading our young ones.

BIBLE CLASSES WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

On Tuesday, September 13, the evening class will continue with “Christians In a Woke World” at 7 pm in the conference room led by Larry Hartwig. You can join us anytime.

The Wednesday afternoon class will begin on September 14 at 1:30 pm in the conference room. The study topic is to be determined. Watch the bulletin and worship announcements for the details for this new topic led by Pastor Kevin.

If you are interested in attending a class on Sunday mornings after worship, please speak to Pastor Kevin.

LADIES’ NIGHT OUT

Join us for our fall Ladies’ Night Out on Monday, October 17 at 5:30 pm at Pyramid Club. You can order off the menu and pay your own bill. Call the church office or Judy Hausermnn to let us know you plan on coming—we would just like to get an approximate count. You are always welcome even if you didn’t call.

IS YOUR INFORMATION CORRECT?

Please check our current church directory to see if your information is up-to-date. Let the church office know if there are any changes. We are planning for a new photo directory. **Picture day will be Wednesday, November 16.** Please save the date!

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

We will be tuck pointing the front and left side of the church before winter (a leak down under the flashing to be repaired as well). Also, with Addison festivities wrapping up and connection to new drainage in back, crack sealing and blacktop coating coming in September. The Village will stripe the lot for us as a thank you for letting them use it again this season. Finally, everyone please start thinking about volunteering for a church council board. Lots of openings and ways to get involved! Lots of hands make the work easy and enjoyable! Please contact Debbie Line if you have any questions.



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September

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				1	2	3 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
4 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion	5 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	6 6:30 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting	7	8 1:30 p.m. LWML and Ladies' Aid 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Kantorei	9	10 5:30 p.m. Worship
11 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	12	13 1:00 p.m. Board of Parish Ed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	14 10:15 a.m. Quilters 1:30 p.m. Bible Study	15 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Kantorei	16	17 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
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