

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

2024 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

*...and everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
Judges 21: 25*

Family of believers at St. Paul Lutheran—

This verse always comes back to me when I think of all the chaos and sin that consumes our world. It will be one of the main points of focus for our next Theology in Film night, and it also sheds light on many recent events in our world, from the attempted assassination of former president Trump to the mockery of the Last Supper during the opening ceremony of the Olympics.

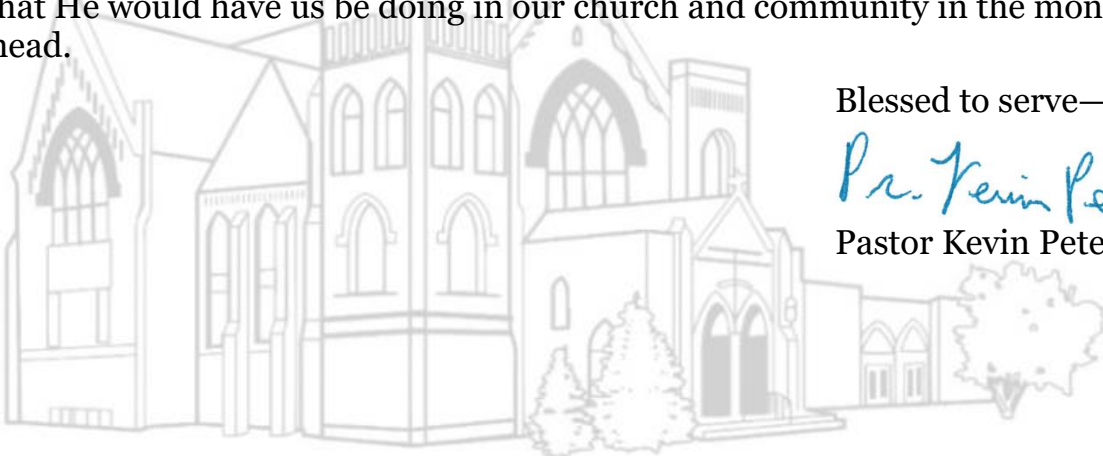
One of the definitions of sin is wanting to be in the God spot, for us to be the ones making the final decision on what is right and wrong. Multiply that by 6+ billion people, and it's no wonder we have so much hurt, strife, anger and discord in our world. Adam and Eve decided they wanted to be in charge, to become like God, and do what seems right to them rather than listening to what God had told them was right.

But even though we all want to be in the God spot, the true God hasn't given up His throne (thankfully!) He is still in control, still in charge, and still knows what is best for us individually, and for our world. This portion of the church year is sometimes called the season of the Church, where we remember and reflect on how the Holy Spirit is bringing faith to others and spreading about among God's people in order for them to no longer do what seems right to them, but what God would want them to do by following His will and serving their neighbors. Over the next few weeks we will hear some more examples of this, including how Paul wants us to grow in maturity with regards to our faith and our homes in Ephesians, and how God still preserves us and gives us what we need to carry on when it seems like all our hope is lost after trying to follow God's ways without getting any results, as we will see with Elijah in 1 Kings. I look forward to taking the journey with you as we all continue to grow in our faith and trust in God, and what He would have us be doing in our church and community in the months ahead.

Blessed to serve—



Pastor Kevin Peterson



GREETERS

It's almost time for a new greeters schedule for the fall and winter even though we are in the midst of hot temperatures. If you are currently a greeter, you will be added to the new schedule unless you let me know that you would like to be taken off the list. If you are not a greeter and would like to become a greeter, please let me know and I will add you to the list. Thank you for considering this ministry of the church. Please call or text me, Judy Hausermann.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible classes will resume in September. The Wednesday afternoon class will meet beginning September 11 at 1:00 p.m. The Sunday morning class will begin September 22 led by Pastor Balzer. The Tuesday evening class will continue. Other exact dates and study information will be available in upcoming weekend bulletins.

LWML AND LADIES' AID

LWML and Ladies' Aid will meet together on Thursday, September 5 at 1:30 pm in the conference room. It will be great to get together again and share fellowship and participate in a Bible study.



We welcome children aged three through 5th grade to join us for Sunday School! We meet during worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month September-May.

ST. PAUL QUILTERS

Quilt Weekend is coming September 21 & 22! At that time, we will have many of 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. Earlier this year we also donated 30 stroller-sized quilts to Our Savior (Carol Stream) Lutheran Church's Breakfast with Baby ministry. A door offering will be held on Quilt Weekend 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 if you have a request. The quilters generally meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:15am in the quilting room (former church library). No experience is needed, but helping hands always are! Please join us.

ALTAR GUILD

The annual Altar Guild meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the church conference room. Please park in the back parking lot. We will elect officers, review procedures, and address any other concerns that members may have. We are always looking for additional workers who are able to help ready the sanctuary for worship. Please join us at our meeting to learn more about Altar Guild service.

An announcement for Pastor Balzer's 50th Anniversary in Ministry. On the left is a circular portrait of Pastor Balzer, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. The background of the announcement is a photograph of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church building. Text on the right reads: "GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF PASTOR BALZER'S 50th Anniversary IN MINISTRY AT GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024 195 NESLER RD., ELGIN, IL 60124 Join us for one weekend service at 10:00 AM, followed by a luncheon in the Gathering Room. President Buss will join us as our guest preacher. RSVP TO EVENTS@GSELGIN.ORG". At the bottom left is the Good Shepherd Church & School logo, which features a heart with a cross inside and the text "GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH & SCHOOL".

THEOLOGY IN FILM

Our Theology in Film nights will continue; the next dates will be August 5, August 26 and September 30. Come join us as we continue to explore different stories and what they can teach us regarding our own beliefs. Our first title in August will feature a character study film about two people who seem to have nothing in common, then realize they are very much alike after an accidental collision. Our second title in August will be viewers' choice between an obscure film featuring a real life actor couple playing a real historical couple whose life's work set the world on a course opposite of Christianity, OR a much loved Oscar winner for best picture that works as a Christ figure film. Our September title will focus on a mother's love for an adult addict son, which functions well as a sequel to Jesus' parable on the prodigal. Pizza will be provided for the latter two events, however no pizza will be provided on August 5; invite your friends from other congregations and in the community!



2024 ADDISON COMMUNITY PARADE
AUGUST 25
EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

THE CHURCH COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH COORDINATING AND CONSTRUCTING THE FLOAT, PUTTING TOGETHER GOODIE BAGS, AS WELL AS FOLKS TO RIDE ON THE FLOAT AND WALK. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP IN ANY CAPACITY. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

We are in need of candy donations for the Addison parade. We request that any candy donated would NOT contain nuts due to many children having nut allergies and as it could be a hot day, no chocolate. Donations may be left in the narthex or dropped off at the Church Office by August 18.

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