

CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & GOD'S BLESSINGS

ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
ADDISON, ILLINOIS

120 YEARS

1906-2026

September 13, 2026

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VERY
SPECIAL CELEBRATION!**

For 120 years, our church family has gathered in faith, shared in fellowship, and experienced God's abundant blessings. We invite you to join us as we celebrate this wonderful milestone and give thanks for the years God has faithfully carried us together.

***A Day of Worship &
Celebration***

Special Worship Service:

Sunday, **September 13** at 10:00 a.m.

Following the service, please join us in the Parish Hall for a joyful time of celebration, fellowship, and a delicious lunch. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 6

To help us plan and ensure we have enough food for everyone

Church Office: 630-543-6909 or

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We would be delighted to have you with us for this special occasion. Please feel free to share this invitation with family, friends, and anyone who would enjoy being part of this celebration.

**Come worship. Come celebrate.
Come share in the joy of 120 wonderful years!**

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING WITH YOU!



SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER 2026

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Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14: 27

Family of believers at St. Paul Lutheran—

These words seem especially appropriate for us at this point in time. Jesus is preparing to leave His disciples before His crucifixion and eventual ascension; He does not want them to be troubled by what He knows the future has in store. Although they can't see it yet, He knows the final outcome and knows what they need to be carried through by Him to the other side of this bridge they have to face. Ridicule and uncertainty lie in store for Jesus's followers, both in biblical times and still today. Our world seems to get worse by the minute, with no end in sight. Wars and rumors of wars, church attendance less prominent in people's lives than it once was, and more.

In addition, this reading is especially relevant to our congregation: as you all know, I have accepted a new Call to serve at Hope Lutheran in Winnie, TX. Although I do not yet know what my final weekend here will be, I feel confident this will likely be my last newsletter to share with all of you. For both my family and I as well as for all of you, this can feel like a time of being left alone. Who will handle services, preaching and teaching every week? How long will this vacancy last? Is God still in control? And for myself, questions can include, what if it was a mistake coming here? What if the house doesn't sell? What if the people don't show interest in what they're taught once I arrive? Is God still in control?

The answer to that last question in both categories, is an unequivocal yes! God knows what He is doing and wants us to have the peace in *knowing* He knows what He is doing. We live in a world that allows us to control and know so much, everything from the weather to when the next flight to Europe is leaving the area. And yet so much remains out of our control. People in biblical times had a lot they couldn't control and had to totally rely on the belief God would see them through. Even when years went by and no progress was in sight and no words from God, God still was in control and wants His people to experience His peace.

Although none of us may know what the future has in store for myself and for St. Paul Addison, we can all stay confident in abiding in the peace Jesus provides. He gave it to His disciples and still gives it to us today, right in the same place that united us together these past four years: His Church, His Word and His Sacraments. When you aren't feeling that peace Jesus describes, look there for the place to find it, and I assure you I will do the same.

On behalf of my family, I want to thank you all for these past four years together and look forward to staying in touch through social media, texts and phone calls to learn how things are going. Feel free to join us for worship in Winnie anytime you are in the area! We would love to have you join us with our new family of believers.

Blessed to serve—

Pastor Kevin Peterson



SUNDAY School



STARTS SEPTEMBER 27!

We welcome children ages three through 5th grade to join us for Sunday School during the worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, September-May.



Together, children will learn more about Jesus, grow in their faith, deepen their understanding of God's love, and build friendships in a fun and welcoming environment.



Learning about Jesus. Growing in faith. Together in His love.

LWML & Ladies' Aid

will meet

Thursday, September 10

at 1:30 p.m.
in the conference room.

Please
join us!!!



We will participate in a Bible study on **Waiting** and the **Patience** we need to accept Waiting in our lives.



Waiting can bring anxiety, but does it have to cause us to be **anxious**?



Bring a **scissors** and we will also trim postage stamps for missions.

We hope to see you there!



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Altar Guild



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

➤ AT 6:30 P.M. ➤

in the church conference room.

Please park in the lot behind church
and enter through the conference room door.



The women & men of St. Paul's Altar Guild serve faithfully throughout the year, either on the **Communion Preparation** committee or the **Cleaning** committee. We are so grateful for these volunteers who give their time to keep our sanctuary worship-ready. As always, we could use additional help. If you would like more information about serving on the Altar Guild, please contact the church office.

St. Paul Quilters

After taking the summer off (although we put 21 quilts together while we were "on break"), the quilters will resume the regular work schedule in September, meeting the **regular work schedule in September 9** and **September 23** from **10:15–11:30 a.m.** in the church basement.

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, we spend time visiting and tying knots—**NO SEWING EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED**. We would love to have you join us—even as a drop-in knoter every once in a while. Please consider stopping in and lending a hand!



We will be bringing the quilts we've made this year into the sanctuary, draping them over the pews for the weekend's worship services, and praying that they will be a blessing to the people who receive them.

Quilt Weekend

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

There will be a door offering after services to help pay for shipping costs affiliated with getting the quilts to their destinations.



The large size quilts will be sent to **Lutheran World Relief** for distribution around the world. In 2025, LWR distributed more than 315,000 quilts to people around the globe—more than a third of those quilts were distributed in the United States to hurricane, wildfire, and flood victims.



Our child-size quilts will be donated to **Ronald McDonald House** for distribution to families who are dealing with the physical and emotional upheaval that comes with having a child who is hospitalized.



Quilts will be available for purchase—
\$50 for a large quilt (60° x 80) and
\$35 for a small quilt (40° x 50).



Most importantly, you can support this ministry by praying for the quilt recipients!

Bible Study



SUNDAY MORNING *class*

which meets following worship will study the book of Psalms and begin **September 20.**

Pastor Balzer
will lead this class.



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON *class*

will begin **September 9 at 1 p.m.**

This class will look at the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. Pastor Kevin will lead this class until he leaves, and it will then be led by lay leaders.

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TUESDAY EVENING *study*

will start in **October** with an **exact date TBD.**

This class will look at various Christian denominations and will be lay lead.



Lay lead

If you have been attending a Bible study, we look forward to seeing you in September.

If you haven't participated in a Bible study lately or ever, why not give it a try!

We enjoy the fellowship of meeting together and learning more about God's Word and what He wants to do in our lives.

Please join us for any or all of these Bible study groups!



⇒ please consider being a ⇒
Coffee Server



Servers brew the coffee and bring in homemade or store-bought treats to be served following the Sunday morning worship service.



There is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway.



Please contact the church office if you have questions.

EASY WAYS TO HELP OTHERS



- LWML is collecting the cancelled stamps on envelopes (please bring the whole envelope and we will do the trimming) and the whole envelopes from charities with the stamps already attached for your return. We also collect the USA nonprofit bulk stamps and picture post cards (bring the whole post card). Place your envelopes in the box in the breezeway. We appreciate it if you just bring the whole envelope or post card as there are guidelines for processing the stamps. Thank you for your support of this project that supports missions.
- Please consider saving the tabs from food and beverage cans. These tabs are collected to help Ronald McDonald House Charities. Ronald McDonald Houses provide stability, housing and resources for families with seriously ill children that are patients at nearby hospitals. Please bring donations to the church office or on a cabinet in the narthex. Thank you!
- Do you still get a newspaper? Would you like to help out a neighboring congregation? The paper rollers of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elmhurst are in need of newspapers. This group has been rolling papers for over 70 years. The money they earn from selling the rolls to local florists and manufacturing plants help the school and church. Although the demand is still there for their rolls of paper, their supply has diminished as people no longer get printed newspapers. If you still get the paper and would like to help them out, please contact Kim Federighi or just bring your papers to St. Paul and put them in the box in the breezeway. They will be picked up weekly and taken to Immanuel.

*Small donations. Meaningful impact.
Supporting missions and our neighbors.*

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September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
6 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion	7	8	9 10:15 a.m. Quilters 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	10 1:30 p.m. LWML & Ladies' Aid	11	12 NO WORSHIP
13  10:00 a.m. Worship Lunch	14	15 6:30 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting	16 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	17	18	19 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
20 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Interpreter) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	21 5:30 p.m. Board of Elders 7:00 p.m. Church Council	22	23 10:15 a.m. Quilters 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	24	25	26 QUILT WEEKEND 5:30 p.m. Worship
27 QUILT WEEKEND 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	28	29				

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October

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