



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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ST. PAUL "MESSENGER"

SEPTEMBER ~ 2023

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

Dear Friends in Christ,

Where has the summer gone? College students have settled into their homes-away-from-home, and our youth are back in school.

I was always excited to go back to school after a seemingly long summer. It meant being with friends and being nurtured by teachers who cared about who I was and who I was meant to be. Classrooms were places to explore new ideas and adventures while learning about what was right and wrong. I was taught the good and bad actions of history that shaped the world in which I lived. I was taught that a coin has two sides, and to consider both sides of an issue to determine what was best, not just for me, but for the better good of all. I believe I was taught to think for myself, and to do what I could (if I may use the 4-H motto) "to make the best better".

I was excited to enroll as a freshman in college as an older adult, but my excitement was tangled with anxiousness. I had no established friends on campus. I was older than some professors and wondered how they would respond to my taking their classes. I worried if I could keep up with the reading and writing requirements. I looked forward to continuing my education, but I was also afraid.

I imagine many students head back to school feeling excited and afraid. I imagine many parents meet that first day of school with the same excitement—watching children mature and grow—and fear—wondering if the child is prepared for the worldly experiences they will encounter in preschool, elementary, jr. high, high school, and college—each one offering its own joys and concerns. The world-view on education certainly contributes to the anxiousness and fear associated with sending students into schools and places of higher education. The text above warns, "Do not be conformed to this world . . ."

Rather, embrace the transformation that can occur in renewing minds to think and respond independently. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it" (NIV). When children are given a strong foundation, built on God's love, mercy, and grace, they are able to discern "what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect" regardless of like or unlike teachings.

Dear Lord, We thank you for the depth of the love we have for our children. However, we find it hard to let them go, to trust them into another's care. Yet we know that they are your children too, that your Holy Spirit goes before them, that you are encircling them daily. Please help us to support and nurture their freedom, their independence and individuality. Please be with them to bring reassurance where there are nerves, to bring courage where there is anxiety, and joy where there is sadness. May their hearts be free to enjoy learning and playing each day. Amen.

(Adapted from "A Parent's Prayer" found at: lords-prayer-words.com)

May God bless the 2023-24 school year,

In Christ's Love,

Minister Deb

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 ~ 7:00PM

Attendance: Minister Deb Noll, Tom Carey, Mary Coldren, Nathan Cowan, Jane Follas, Amy Gibson, Jan Grieser, Laurie Laird, Tom Marquart, Amanda Price, Mike Stoltz, Tammy von Stein, Bart Welte, Jenny Welte

CALL TO ORDER – Laurie Laird

Chairperson, Laurie Laird, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm, and opened with a review of our 2023 Book Study, “Grounded in Prayer” (Week 4 – Days 1–2–3). Written by Brent W. Dahlseng.

The July 19, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Checking account balances as of July 31, 2023

Current	\$157,980.59
Building	\$2,908.50
Improvement	\$2,080.00
Missions	\$8,548.00
<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>\$39,546.73</u>
TOTAL	\$211,063.82

Savings – General Memorial \$8,852.62

- Account balances for July 2023 and current profit & loss statement comparing budget vs. actual were reported along with July checks written. Contributions to the Current Fund as of July 31, 2023, totaled \$154,652.02 vs. a budgeted \$116,244.51. Expenses for the same period totaled \$119,109.73 vs. a budgeted \$99,316.25.
- Jake discussed account options for moving some existing funds into an account (i.e., money market or CD) to yield a higher interest rate and return. Bart Welte made a motion to move \$40,000 from current fund into a Money Market account at Premier Bank and to research placing another \$40,000 into a CD when rates are researched and reported back to Council. For further review. Jan Grieser seconded.
- A credit card has been applied for at Premier for the church staff (Treasurer Financial Secretary and church employees) and Jake is waiting on approval to come back. This card will be passed onto Jane once received.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Natalie McClelland (Email – Not in attendance)

- Carpets in the fellowship hall, kitchen hallway, and conference room were cleaned on August 1 by Xtreme Carpet Care. Natalie suggests a different company next year because the attention to detail was subpar.
- All weeds have been pulled from the playground area and parsonage.
- Thanks to all Trustees and others who took care of cleaning up the tree that fell next to our church sign.
- Rubber shelf liners have been placed under all mattresses in the parsonage upstairs.
- Curtains were hung in the upstairs of the parsonage.
- Projects that still need addressed:
 - Rope lights around cross on north wall (exterior) of fellowship hall.
 - Missing ceiling panel in youth room.
 - Touch up painting on north wall of welcome space and above entrance to Fellowship Hall. (Possible leftover paint in the attic next to seasonal decor)
 - New overhead door for storage barn.

- Man door for shed still needs paint.
- Masonry on parsonage still needs to be completed to tuck point the block.

MINISTER’S REPORT – Respectfully Submitted, Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister

Word for Thought:

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. (1 Corinthians 12:4–7, 11)

It’s mid–summer and already the focus in stores is on school supplies, Halloween, and even Christmas. Activities are calling youth back to school. Summer vacation thoughts turn to vocation realities. “Vocation comes from the Latin word *vocatio*, which means a calling. It’s not a job; it’s your whole life,” writes the curriculum used for Catechism instruction. Each one of us has gifts and talents to share and use for the common good of our neighbors and creation. Wherever your passion is, there is your vocation. Wherever you work or play, that is your vocation. Whatever your vocation or calling is, it is a gift from God. The question for thought is, “How do you use that gift to glorify God?”

Activity Since the July’s Council Meeting:

Worship & Church Functions

- Six Worship Services
- 1 Parish Board Meeting
- 1 Planning Meeting for Catechism make-up classes
- 3 hours of Catechism make–up sessions
- 1 Staff Meeting
- 1 Youth Board Meeting
- 1 Meeting with Bell Choir, Senior Choir, and Praise Team directors on Shipwreck Service
- 1 Outreach Team Meeting
- 1 Worship Team Meeting
- Confirmation of Ellie Marquart, Allie Settlage, Morgan and Payton Smith

Member Contacts Outside of Worship

- Ministry Care Consultations (x2)
- Shared meal with members @ Arlington Festival
- Thursday Evening Card Group “The Jokers” (x2)
- Lunch @ Olers
- Calls to ill members (x4)
- Care-cards sent (x6)
- Welcomed members to the parsonage to finish setting up the upstairs’ bedrooms

Pericope (Text) Study – Marion Area Clergy Group

- Zoom gatherings (x1)

Related Church Activities

- Synod Authorized Minister Cohort Potluck (x1)
- Worship with residents @ Good Samaritan Society (x1)

Continuing Education

- Nothing since last meeting
- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) will be held Wednesdays beginning October 18 through December 20. The sessions will be on Zoom from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Cost: \$150 from student, \$150 from church, \$250 from Synod Candidacy Fund

- Deadline to pay: Northwestern Ohio Synod (NWOS) is November 1, 2023
- Check payable to: Northwestern Ohio Synod (memo line: SAM/CPE)
- Mail to: Northwestern Ohio Synod
1701 Tiffin Avenue
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Vacation

- Request for:
 - 50th Class Reunion
 - Saturday, September 9, 2023
 - Sunday, September 10, 2023* Supply pastor/minister needed
 - Lancaster Pennsylvania Bus Trip to Sight and Sounds Theatre & Attractions
 - Wednesday thru Saturday, November 16, 17, & 18, 2023
 - Sunday, November 19, 2023* Supply pastor/minister needed

Looking Ahead

- August 15, 2023 –6:00 to 8:30 pm – “CHALK TALK” Evening with artist Elva Hurst. Community Meal @ 6:00pm and Art presentation @ 7:00pm.
- August 20, 2023 – Youth Worship/Teacher Recognition/Blessing of Backpacks: one worship service @ 10:00 a.m. followed by the Church Picnic.
- September 17, 2023 – Shipwreck Sunday: one morning worship service @ 10:00 a.m. Cemetery Service @ 2:30 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Nothing to Report

PARISH EDUCATION – Amanda Price

- The float for Arlington Fest had good turnout.
- Sunday, August 20 will be the outdoor service at 10 am with picnic to follow. Ham or Turkey sandwiches will be provided from The Dough Hook in Bluffton and cookies from Bread Kneads (Findlay). Tickets are \$5.00 each.
- Working on Kids Praise ideas.

OUTREACH – Tammy von Stein

- \$308 was given to Christian Clearing House for their annual Stuff the Bus campaign, which provided school supplies and back packs to those in need throughout Hancock County.
- 71 reservations made for Chalk Talk, Tuesday, August 15.
- Shipwreck Sunday will be September 17, Outreach is planning a potluck after service. Council agreed to purchase the brats while Outreach will be purchasing the ice cream bars from Dietsch’s. Planning a service of music with an “Amazing Grace” theme.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES –

Old Business

- A new software program for presenting services was purchased, called Worship Tools. If anyone would like to learn how to operate, members can speak with Jan Grieser.
- The Church Bell Committee Members are Tom Carey, Tom Marquart, Vera Sheets and Janet Carey
- Front Door Update – Bigelow Glass quoted \$8,195 for 1 door to automatically open for handicap. Riverside Glass has been contacted with no response yet.
- November election coming up. Tom Carey has agreed to be an Elder, and Janes Follas has agreed to continue to be Treasurer, Tom Marquart and Natalie McClelland have agreed to continue as Trustees. Will be looking to fill Council Secretary position and Parish Education Board Assistant Superintendent.

New Business

- Harvest Home set for October 15th with food collection for Arlington Food Pantry and offering designation to Luther Home of Mercy in Williston, Ohio. It was suggested to have a representative to come and speak to the congregation on Sunday October 15.
- Church directories make up pictures will be in September.
- Bart Welte suggested when there are five Sundays in a month, have the fifth Sunday a service of worship music.

ADJOURN

- Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:24pm.

Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary

CHURCH BELL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The survey we took at the Semi-annual meeting showed the majority of people would like the Bell mounted on a low structure. Maybe able to ring it manually for Special occasions and installed in a Memory Garden off the main sidewalk to the east.

CHURCH COUNCIL REQUEST

We are looking for 4-5 people to volunteer to be on this committee.

The committee should include at least 1 council member. I would like to have the committee report to the October Council meeting and present a proposal to be voted on at the November Annual meeting, if possible.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR: Lisa Gossman

PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Jan Grieser

HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Tammy Robinson

AUDIO VIDEO: Jacob Orwick and Marty Grieser

ALTAR GUILD: Jane Follas

WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370

Pam Hoffman — pkhoffman87@gmail.com or 419-358-1682

HOSPITAL STAYS

It is important to the church that we support you through illness and hospitalizations. If you are admitted to Blanchard Valley Hospital for an overnight stay we would like to know.

If you are planning an admission to any hospital, please call the church office at 419-326-3535 to let us know the date you are entering and how long you anticipate staying.

At admission to BVH, *planned or unplanned*, you (or your spokesperson) will be asked several questions,

1. Religion: this may be asked at pre-registration or at admission along with your address, phone number, etc. Please give our denomination.
2. If you wish to be on the Hospital Directory and the Religion List. These questions will be asked of you (or your spokesperson) during the "Consent to Treatment" process. Please answer "yes" to both.

In order to protect your privacy the hospital does not routinely call the church to tell us you have been admitted, unless you specifically ask them to call us. We depend on you or your family to let us know if you have been admitted.

If you have been in the hospital for a day or two and have not been visited, please ask your family or nurse to contact the church office.

A new federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastors and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized and would like to notify the pastor, it is important that you or a member of your family inform the church office as soon as possible at 419-326-3535 and the secretary will contact the pastor.

PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023: Bill Bateson; Deb Best; Shawn Dunbar (*husband of Rachael [Reichley]*); family and friends of Tristen Griffin-Smith (*daughter/stepdaughter of Ron and Lois [Frey] Griffin-Smith*); Margaret Hamilton (*Tom Valentage's sister-in-law's mother*); family and friends of June Hoffman (*Mike's mother*); Mark Hoffman (*Mike's brother*); Mike Inbody; Daryl Ingram (*Mike's brother*); Kim Kirby (*sister of Tammy vonStein*); family and friends of Cindy Langham (*Minister Deb's cousin*); Karla Markle (*friend of Marcia Russell*); Jim Maas (*friend of Marcia Russell*); Kyle McDowell; Matt Robinson; Scott Shaw (*Lisa Gossman's brother-in-law*); family and friends of Janet Weber—health issues (*friend of Vera Sheets*); all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Brycen Lucius, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambele Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.



Bailey A. Parke and Jessica K. Haught were united in marriage on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at St. Michael the Archangel Downtown Chapel. They now reside at 6745 State Route 103, Jenera. God's blessings as they begin their married life together.

Congratulations to Anthony and Abbie [Nessen] Wolford on their marriage on Saturday, August 19th at Immanual Lutheran Church, Findlay, OH. May God bless Anthony and Abbie as they begin their married life together.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

Thank you to everyone who worked so enthusiastically to make our "Chalk Talk" evening a wonderful event. Thank you, WELCA, for covering the expense of Elva's coming to us. Thank you, Outreach, for coordinating and covering the expenses for the meal. Thank you to our talented decorating staff—our facility was beautiful and welcoming to all our guests. Thank you to everyone who donated time, food, talent, and monetarily to help make the evening happen. And thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the meal and Elva's presentation. Prayerfully you were inspired by Elva's two Chalk Talks. Elva wanted me to be sure to extend her appreciation for our gracious hospitality both here at the church and the parsonage. Elva's traveling companion, Lauren, said she had never seen a congregation or group that extended such gracious hospitality and warmth. A sentiment to which I agree! Thank you . . . thank you . . . thank you! With a heart full of love and gratitude, Minister Deb.

Thank you so very much to all those who made our Chalk Talk with Elva Hurst such a success. Special thanks go out to Minister Deb for bringing this exceptional artist to us. Thanks also to WELCA for supplying the funds for this event. Additional thanks go to those who decorated the fellowship hall, those who donated salads, fruit, deviled eggs, and cookies, and everyone who helped in the kitchen to serve the meal and clean up after the program. St. Paul is truly blessed to have such a generous and devoted family. Love and Blessings,
The Outreach Committee

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of June Hoffman. June, 90, is Mike and Pam Hoffman's mother and mother-in-law. She passed away on Friday, August 25th. May the family and friends of June Hoffman feel God holding you close and fill you with resurrection hope.



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Thank You!

*Thank you, St. Paul Women of the ELCA and Outreach Team
for hosting the meal and Elva Hurst's
"Chalk Talk".*

*Thank you also for the congregation's support through prayer,
donations, and attendance. Without you, the evening would not have
been the success it was in giving God all glory and praise.*

My Heartfelt Appreciation,

Minister Deb

Minister Deb's Office Hours:

Monday – Day Off

Tuesday – Work from Home, Evenings at Church, as necessary

Wednesday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM

Thursday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM [afternoons reserved for scheduling home visits]

Friday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM

Saturday – 8:00AM — NOON

Sunday – Worship / Visitations / Catechism

* * All are subject to member's needs and emergencies.

* * Available by phone [419-560-1988 cell]

* * e-mail address: dnoll2347@gmail.com



192nd Shipwreck Celebration and 10th Year in our New Building – On September 17, 2023, we will be having ONE combined Praise and Worship service at 10:00AM. We will be celebrating God's Amazing Grace in His faithfulness to St. Paul Lutheran Church in our heritage of the Shipwreck in 1831 and 10 years in our new church building. There will be lots of special music from the Choir, Praise Team, Handbell Choir and VBS kids to help celebrate this special day. Then, immediately after the service there will be a potluck lunch. The Church Council will be providing bratwurst and hotdog sandwiches and Outreach will provide Dietsch's ice cream bars. We ask members to bring a dish to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided, also. We will also be taking up a loose offering that day to be given to the Outreach Committee. May God continue to bless His congregation, St. Paul, as we celebrate the past and look forward to what God has in store for us in the future.

NOTE: If you are planning to attend the lunch, please sign up on the sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space by Saturday, September 9th. Thank you!

THE SEPTEMBER SEWING DAYS WILL BE ON TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 12th AND

SEPTEMBER 26th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time.

We assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you can tie a knot, use scissors or pin material together, we'd love your help with this important ministry! Please bring a dish to share for lunch. [There were 10 ladies at the Tuesday, August 22nd sewing day and 5 quilts were assembled along with 3 quilts that were brought in making the total of 109 quilts completed. Thanks to all who attended. WELCA]



YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 10th YOUTH / Service Projects — 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Sunday, September 17th ELCA Youth Gathering Sign-Up Deadline

Sunday, September 24th ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Wednesday, September 27th "See You At The Pole — 7:15AM — Arlington Local School

Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, September 17th — 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Sunday, September 17th Confirmation Class with Parents — 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Sunday, September 24th Confirmation Class — 5:00PM – 6:00PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST the YOUTH will be SPONSORING A SPAGHETTI DINNER FROM 11:30AM — 1:30PM.

I have had some members ask recently if the youth need anything to reach out. Here is a list of snacks the youth are looking for:

- Candy — snack sized, chocolate and gummies
- Individual Chip bags
- Hostess treats
- Fruit roll-ups, Gushers, Fruit by the Foot
- Microwave popcorn — Extreme Butter and Kettle Corn
- Cookies

If you would like to contribute “snacks for youth”, please leave your treat in the kitchen labeled “snacks for youth”.

Thank you for your support! Amy Gibson

If you are interested in providing our youth with dinner for their youth group meetings, please sign-up on the sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space. The meal should be ready by 6:00PM. Meals can range from homemade, crockpot, fast food and pizza, etc. Donors can make meals as simple or elaborate as they wish. We usually have chips, candy, Little Debbie's and popcorn in the cabinet. Please let Amy know in advance what you plan to provide.



FYI — The youth are NO LONGER collecting the used printer cartridges to recycle. If you want to recycle your used printer cartridges you can do so at Best Buy.

Dear St. Paul Members ~ My siblings and I are currently looking for an individual(s) that would be willing to assist with in-home care for our dad. Duties would include meal prep, laundry, and personal care. We are very flexible and would appreciate any time you are able to give. If you are interested we can discuss details and compensation. Please contact Pam Pepple at 419-306-1626 or pepplep63@gmail.com. Thank you!

St. Paul Outreach Committee Focus Statement for 2023

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:9-10

The St. Paul Outreach Committee will be using this Bible verse in 2023 to focus our efforts on needs closer to home. As a body of believers in Jesus we want to come alongside people in our community who are in need. That way we can do what Paul calls “carrying each other’s burdens.” (Galatians 6:2) Relying on God’s strength, we listen, we empathize, we help where we can, and we can also pray for them. We can look for ways to “do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Paul says that when we do so, we fulfill the law of Christ: to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. The burdens of life can be heavy, but praise God, he’s given us our church family to lighten the load. If you know of a “neighbor” who could use some help, please let us know and we’ll prayerfully consider what we as a church family can do to help.



Bible Study will begin again on Thursday, September 21st. They will meet in the Library at 9:30AM and will be studying the Book of Ruth and also studying Deborah. All are welcome.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jenera, Ohio Celebrates



192nd Anniversary of the *“Famous Dove”* Shipwreck

10th Anniversary in the Current Church Building



“Bound Together by God’s Amazing Grace” One Worship Service

Sunday, September 17, 2023 ~ 10:00AM

Celebrating God’s Grace through Music, Word, and Praise
Bratwursts and Potluck Meal to Follow with
Dietsch’s Ice Cream Sandwiches

Monument Service at the St. Paul Cemetery at 2:30PM.

RSVP: 419-326-3535 ~ or ~ Sign the Sign-up Sheet on the Information
Counter in the Welcome Space
St. Paul Lutheran, 9340 Township Road 32, Jenera, Ohio 45841

Prayer Writing Team

...then hear from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, maintain their cause, and forgive your people who have sinned against you. Now, O my God, let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to prayer from this place. (2 Chronicles 6:39–41)

Beginning mid-October, I will be participating in a continuing education program, “Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)”. CPE is a ten-week intensive study in pastoral care involving visitations, reading, writing, self-journaling, supervisory meetings, and weekly 5-hour Zoom discussions with CPE cohorts. CPE will help me better provide Christian care to our members in our church’s daily life and especially in times of personal crisis.

It is my hope to engage a team of church members (3 to 5 people) to share in the gift of writing the weekly “Prayers of the People”. I am asking your help in taking this important part of worship from my desk by placing it in the loving care of our members.

The team will read the assigned scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary as the stimulus for the prayers. Then using available resources and individual creativity team members will formulate the intercessory prayers. As residents of the communities served by St. Paul, you will bring to the table a more personal perspective on local needs than I have been able to bring, thus our members may feel more personally connected with the prayers.

Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of the Prayer Writing Team. I am hoping to gather the team by mid-September. Please let me know of your willingness to participate in this important part of our worship experience.

Keeping all in prayer,
Minister Deb

2023 Daily Bible Readings

The Year of Story is the Northwestern Ohio Synod’s theme for 2023. Each year, Bishop Daniel Beaudoin encourages Church leaders and congregations to engage in daily Bible reading. The readings this year will walk readers through “The Story of Jesus.” Together, let us read His story and ponder what God’s Word reveals to us. The list of readings for the entire year may be found at:

<http://nwos-elca.church/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Bible-Reading-Guide.pdf>

The readings for September are:

[Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem (According to John)]

Sept. 1	<i>Journey to Jerusalem</i>	John 7:10–13
Sept. 2	<i>Jesus Teaches in the Temple</i>	John 7:14–24
Sept. 3	<i>Is This the Christ?</i>	John 7:25–31
Sept. 4	<i>Officers Are Sent to Arrest Jesus</i>	John 7:32–36
Sept. 5	<i>Rivers of Living Water</i>	John 7:37–39
Sept. 6	<i>Division and Disbelief</i>	John 7:40–52
Sept. 7	<i>The Woman Caught in Adultery</i>	John 7:53–8:11
Sept. 8	<i>Jesus Is the Light of the World</i>	John 8:12–20
Sept. 9	Jesus Foretells His Death	John 8:21–30
Sept. 10	<i>True Disciples</i>	John 8:31–38
Sept. 11	<i>Jesus and Abraham</i>	John 8:39–59
Sept. 12	<i>Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind</i>	John 9:1–41
Sept. 13	<i>Jesus the Good Shepherd</i>	John 10:1–18
Sept. 14	Division and Demons	John 10:19–21

[Jesus’ Ministry in Judea]

Sept. 15	<i>Teaching About Divorce</i>	Matt. 19:1–12; Mark 10:1–12; Luke 16:18
Sept. 16	<i>Jesus Blesses the Children</i>	Matt. 19:13–15; Mark 10:13–16; Luke 18:15–17
Sept. 17	<i>The Rich Young Man</i>	Matt. 19:16–30; Mark 10:17–31; Luke 18:18–30

Sept. 18	<i>The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard</i>	Matt. 20:1–16
Sept. 19	<i>Jesus is Rejected in Jerusalem</i>	John 10:22–42
Sept. 20	<i>Jesus Raises Lazarus</i>	John 11:1–44
Sept. 21	<i>The Plot to Kill Jesus</i>	John 11:45–57
Sept. 22	<i>Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection</i>	Matt. 20:17–19; Mark 10:32–34; Luke 18:31–34
Sept. 23	<i>The Sons of Zebedee</i>	Matt. 20:20–28; Mark 10:35–45
Sept. 24	<i>Jesus Heals Two Blind Men</i>	Matt. 20:29–34; Mark 10:46–52; Luke 18:35–43
Sept. 25	<i>Jesus and Zacchaeus</i>	Luke 19:1–10
Sept. 26	<i>The Parable of the Ten Pounds</i>	Luke 19:11–27; Matt. 25:14–30
Sept. 27	<i>The Anointing at Bethany</i>	Matt. 26:6–13; Mark 14:3–9; Luke 7:36–50; John 12:1–8
Sept. 28	<i>The Plot Against Lazarus</i>	John 12:9–11
[Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem]		
Sept. 29	<i>The Triumphal Entry</i>	Matt. 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–40; John 12:12–19
Sept. 30	<i>Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem</i>	Luke 19:41–44

September 2023 Birthdays

Friday, September 1 st	Addison Rammel
Friday, September 1 st	Jacob Shepard
Saturday, September 2 nd	Emily Durliat
Saturday, September 2 nd	Theodore Kroske
Saturday, September 2 nd	Tanner Rader
Saturday, September 2 nd	Rose Tarnay
Monday, September 4 th	Lauren Bower
Monday, September 4 th	Emily Shank
Tuesday, September 5 th	Aaron Smith
Wednesday, September 6 th	Declan Peyton
Wednesday, September 6 th	Michael Rettig
Thursday, September 7 th	Deb Clevenger
Thursday, September 7 th	Elora Haley
Thursday, September 7 th	Caiti Hankins
Thursday, September 7 th	Pam Hoffman
Thursday, September 7 th	Cody Rader
Thursday, September 7 th	Heather Smith
Thursday, September 7 th	Sarah Solt
Saturday, September 9 th	Nathan Bower
Saturday, September 9 th	Matt Robinson
Sunday, September 10 th	Allison Coldren
Tuesday, September 12 th	Leilani Beery
Tuesday, September 12 th	Nicholas Clark
Tuesday, September 12 th	Brycen Lucius
Tuesday, September 12 th	Nate Sheets
Saturday, September 16 th	Adalie vonStein
Sunday, September 17 th	Scott Bower
Monday, September 18 th	Hannah Bayer
Monday, September 18 th	Anna Edmiston
Monday, September 18 th	Noah Edmiston
Tuesday, September 19 th	Addison Smith
Wednesday, September 20 th	Jonathan Coldren

Thursday, September 21 st	Kelsey Dempster
Thursday, September 21 st	Ethan Grieser
Thursday, September 21 st	Ryan Riegler
Friday, September 22 nd	Abby Fitch
Saturday, September 23 rd	Carole Luke
Monday, September 25 th	Amanda Henson
Monday, September 25 th	Mike Ingram
Monday, September 25 th	Brittany Kerner
Monday, September 25 th	Keith Robinson
Monday, September 25 th	Dennis Ward
Tuesday, September 26 th	Leah Durliat
Thursday, September 28 th	Zaim Habib
Thursday, September 28 th	Tracy Riegler
Thursday, September 28 th	Brandon Zuercher
Friday, September 29 th	Miriam Kroske
Saturday, September 30 th	Jared Griggs

September 2023 Anniversaries

Sunday, September 3 rd	Nate and Lauren Etler – 7
Tuesday, September 5 th	David and Stacey Laird – 14
Friday, September 8 th	Merritt and Dorine VonStein – 66
Saturday, September 9 th	Scott and Allison Reule – 17
Monday, September 11 th	Jon and Kris Russell – 30
Tuesday, September 12 th	Aaron and April Smith – 14
Sunday, September 17 th	Curtis and Kristy Schroeder – 18
Monday, September 18 th	Jake and Amanda Leu – 13
Tuesday, September 19 th	Gary and Mary Wilson – 42
Tuesday, September 19 th	Derek and Brittany Kerner – 8
Thursday, September 21 st	Michael and Rebecca Stoltz – 32
Tuesday, September 26 th	Kreg and Chris Sheets – 31

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
LECTOR: Stephen Cowan ALTAR GUILD: Jane Follas ORGANIST: September 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , and 14 th : Lisa Gossman					1	2
MARK YOUR CALENDAR — UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT FOR OCTOBER: Sunday, October 1 st — Youth Sponsored SPAGHETTI DINNER — 11:30AM – 1:30PM						
3 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship Service / Communion	4 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	5	6	6:00PM Sunday School room reserved by "The Jokers" 7:00PM Parish Education Board Meeting	Minister Deb and Dick on Vacation — September 8th, 9th, and 10th	
10 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [Minister Deb and Dick / Vacation] 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship Service / Communion 2:00PM – 4:00PM ReFUEL / Youth / Service Projects	11	12 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	13	14 6:00PM Sunday School room reserved by "The Jokers"	15	16
17 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 192nd OBSERVANCE OF THE SHIPWRECK OF THE FAMOUS DOVE 10:00AM Shipwreck Service of the 192 nd Observance of the "Famous Dove" — "Amazing Grace" NOON Bratwurst Meal / Dietsch's Ice Cream Bars 2:30PM Shipwreck Observance at the Shipwreck Memorial / St. Paul Cemetery 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class with Parents	18 7:00PM Youth Board Meeting	19 7:00PM WELCA Meeting	20	21 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School room reserved by "The Jokers"	22	23
24 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship Service / Communion NOON – 3:30PM Fellowship Hall reserved for Wilson Reunion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL Meeting	25	26 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day	27 7:15AM YOUTH / See you at the Pole / Arlington Local School	28 9:30AM Bible Study / Library 6:00PM Sunday School 6:00PM Sunday School room reserved by "The Jokers"	29	30