

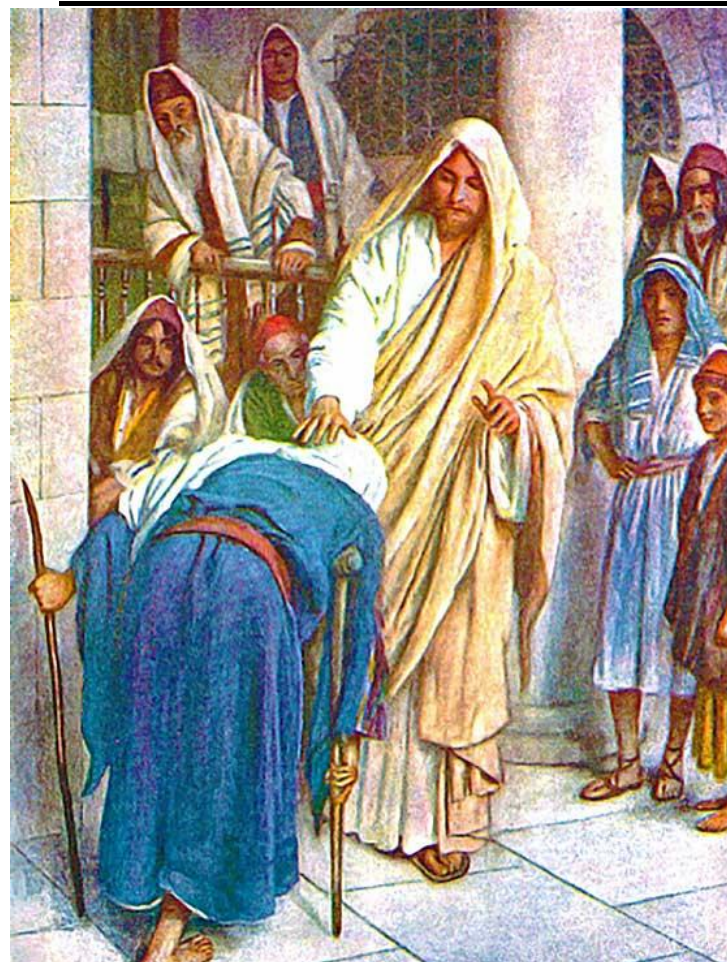
(SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025 — SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT ST. PAUL

A large, stylized cross made of dark, textured material, possibly wood or stone, with a central star-like ornament. The cross is composed of four thick, slightly curved arms that meet at a central point. The texture of the material is rough and weathered, with visible grain and some discoloration. In the center of the cross, there is a small, light-colored, star-shaped ornament with four points, resembling a four-pointed star or a small cross within a cross. The overall appearance is that of an ancient or rustic religious symbol.



NEWS OF THE FLOCK: AUGUST 24, 2025
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST





*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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8/24 Sunday	8/25 Monday 📖 Kelly Settlege	8/26 Tuesday 📖 Nadine Boehm 📖 Daulton Ludwig
8/27 Wednesday 📖 Gerald Rettig	8/28 Thursday 📖 George Korte ❤️ Dick and Deb Noll – 43	8/29 Friday 📖 Steven Smith
8/30 Saturday 📖 Raymond Bower	Happy Birthday – 📖 Happy Anniversary – ❤️	

PRAYER LIST: Jacob Best (16 year old son of Kelly & Susan and grandson of Sue Best); Emilee Bower (granddaughter of Keith & Loretta Bower); Zach Carman (son of Babette Reese Grieser); John Firestone (friend of Joe & Lisa Creque); Jon Gast; Marsha Grieser; Shane Grieser; Norm Hahn; Terry Hunter (Kelly Stine's father); Lino Ibbarro (friend of Steve McClelland); Pastor Aaron Layne (serves at All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington, Ohio); Ted Mazza (husband of a friend of Marcia Russell); Steve McClelland; Vera Sheets; Glen Stechschulte (friend of Steve McClelland); Amy Steward (daughter of Keith Bower's cousin); Dorine VonStein; Louise Wilson; Bobbie Wright (Minister Deb's sister-in-law); all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Brycen Lucius, Evan McMonigal, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambebe Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.

[Persons will remain on the Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise requested.]

PRAYER FAMILIES: Chad & Diane Parke; Kendra Parke; and Larry & Ilene Parke.

PRAYER CONGREGATION: Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Bucyrus, Ohio and her pastor, Timothy R. Nilson.

SUBMIT all items for the bulletin by Thursday **NOON**. Items submitted after that may have to wait until next week's News of the Flock.

The August 2025 Newsletter is available on the St. Paul Website. Go to the website and click on Sermons/News. Click on August 2025 at the Monthly Newsletter link. There are also copies of the August 2025 Newsletter on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.

The weekly News of the Flock is also available on the St. Paul website. Go to stpaul.lutheranjen.org and then click on Sermons/News and then click on News of the Flock.

The Northwestern Ohio Synod has named 2025 as the **Year of Listening**. The Synod has put together a variety of resources to help faith communities learn the sacred art of listening together. These resources include: A New Testament Daily Bible Reading Plan. The Synod encourages taking 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week, to read and reflect on the daily readings. If you would prefer to listen to the texts rather than read them, an app is available to access recordings online at: <https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/audio-bible-resources/bible-is> or you can scan the QR codes on the NWOS website: <https://nwos-elca.church/listening/>. The 2025 memory verse is: “*Incline your ear and come to me, listen so that you may live*” ~ Isaiah 55:3a.

Here are the chapter readings for the fourth week of August:
[Galatians 4; Galatians 5, Galatians 6,
Ephesians 1, Ephesians 2]

WHO ARE YOU LISTENING TO? The WELCA Fall Gathering will be held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, North Baltimore on Saturday, September 6th beginning at 9:00AM with check-in and snacks and closing at 1:00PM. The cost of lunch is \$7.00. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will be sharing the “Art of Listening”. RSVP by Tuesday, September 2nd to St. Luke's Church at 419-257-3253 and please leave a message. In-kind offering of non-perishable food items, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and laundry supplies will be received. Be sure to mark your calendar now and plan to attend. You will be glad you did.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — Sunday, September 14th will be the Observance of the Shipwreck of “The Famous Dove” — Shipwreck Sunday. A service will be held at the Shipwreck Monument in the St. Paul Cemetery led by Pastor Steve Ramsey at 2:00PM.



BIBLE STUDY will begin again on Thursday, September 25th beginning at 9:30AM and will meet in the Library. The bible study will be on 1st and 2nd Corinthians as it relates to Unity in the Church. All are welcome.

Beginning in September, the first petition of the Prayers of the People will be revised to include prayers for the ELCA presiding bishop-elect, the NWOS bishop and staff, the Central Conference dean, St. Paul’s SAM, Good Hope and St. John’s pastor, our Prayer Congregation and all Missions of Ministry. “Missions of Ministry” is representative of the specific missions for which we are currently praying and expands to include all such ministries nearby and far away. In making this change, we will be lifting up individuals in the ELCA who are guiding God’s people in faith along with the people involved in carrying forth Christ’s mission in the world. Thank you for joining us in the prayers of the people and God’s church in the world as we make these changes.



The September Sewing Days will be on Wednesdays, September 10th and 24th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. There were 14 people at the Sewing Day on Wednesday, August 13th. Five quilts were finished.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space for members who would be willing to be a monthly Lector reader for the 9:00AM Worship Service. A Sincere Thank you to the members who have signed up so far. Lectors are still needed for the months of November and December 2025. Please sign up and also provide an email address so the lessons can be emailed to you each week. A Large Print of the lessons are also put on the lectern each week for your convenience. Thank You!

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS — AUGUST 17, 2025

Sunday School Attendance: 32 Sunday School Offering: \$49.00

[FYI: The third Sunday of each month the Sunday School Offering is designated to be given to a local Mission and Benevolence.]

Worship Services:	9:00AM	68
	11:15AM	<u>37</u>
TOTAL		105
Communed: 32		

Sunday, August 17, 2025

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	\$2,723.00 *
Mission / Benevolence	500.00
<u>Designated</u>	<u>820.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,043.00

*** \$4,106.47 is needed weekly in the CURRENT FUND for St. Paul to meet budget.**

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS:

Nadine Boehm	419-722-6370	nadineb@thewavz.com
Jenny Welte	419-788-0724	jwelte92@gmail.com

CHRIST IN OUR HOME devotional booklets for July, August, and September 2025 are available on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space. LARGE print devotional booklets are also available.

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Youth Ministry Coordinator: Amy Gibson — Phone: 419-348-1653

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Church Office: Jane Wilch — Phone: 419-326-3535

Church’s email address: stpaullutheran6@yahoo.com

St. Paul Lutheran website: www.stpaullutheranjenera.org

As a courtesy to others, please turn off all non-emergency cell Phones and pagers. Thank you for your cooperation.

The flowers in front of the piano were donated by Nicole Beagle of Beagle's Cottage Blooms following the program last Wednesday. WELCA would like to thank Nicole for her presentation as well as all those who attended.

Thank you for the very delicious barbeque dinner that you delivered to us on Sunday, August 17th. We wish to thank the Outreach Committee, the workers, and drivers for the time to prepare and deliver the meal. Thank you again,

Tom, Shirley, Pat, Sandy, Paul, Millie, Jean, Paula, Jim, Ruth, Rollie, Wanda, Nancy, Virginia, and Larry ~ The Orchard Residents

From the disciples of St. Mark's Lutheran Church (Bowling Green) to the disciples of St. Paul Lutheran (Jenera)

Thank you! We are humbled and blessed by your prayers. United in Christ we share with you the joy and hope given to us by God through Jesus Christ. We appreciate your encouragement and friendship. Please know that we included you in our prayers, as well. It is good for our attenders to know that we do not worship alone, but we are with you in Spirit! God's blessings, Pastor Robin K. Small, St. Mark's
[The Thank You is on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space]

Thank you to all who volunteered to provide cases of small water bottles for our congregation to enjoy. We have set up a schedule for those who have volunteered. Thank you again.

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS: The Third Quarter offerings will benefit the rebuilding of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Maria Stein, Ohio. On Thursday, May 29, 2025, the church experienced a tragic fire. The gifts given to St. John the Baptist Maria Stein Community Fund will be used in support of this community for the needs that lie ahead on the path to recovery. Evaluation of the church structure continues and options are still being weighed, but whatever path this community of believers choose to take for the future there will be considerable expenses. Prayerfully consider giving to this cause through your giving envelope, designated under "building fund."

⁵ *Then the heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and the Levites — Everyone whose spirit God had stirred — got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the LORD in Jerusalem.*

⁶ *All their neighbors aided them with silver vessels, with gold, with goods, with livestock, and with valuable gifts, besides all that was freely offered. Ezra 1:5–6*

PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION: If adding a name to the Prayer Chain please be sure you have permission from the immediate family that their name can be included in the Prayer List in the News of the Flock. Thank you.

PLAYGROUND: Volunteers are needed to be on a committee to help organize the playground design and equipment. If you would like to be on the playground committee, please contact Jan Grieser.

Outreach would like to support Arlington Schools through monetary donations. These donations will help support those children whose families may be struggling financially and may need extra assistance with activities, supplies, lunches etc. There is a donation box set up on a table in the welcome center with donations being collected through August.

There is A LOT going on at St Paul, and many opportunities for our congregation to:

CELEBRATE, LIVE, AND SHARE !!

A Heartfelt Thank You from The Outreach Team

The Outreach Team would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported "**Our Daily Bread Ministry**". Your time, generosity, and faithful donations have been the foundation of our ability to serve the community. We're especially grateful for the amazing bakers here at **St. Paul** — your delicious contributions have been deeply appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed by all!

As mentioned during our Semi-Annual Meeting, we are considering adjustments to our schedule in 2026 to better serve shut-ins and those unable to attend in person. This may mean stepping away from offering a monthly meal at the church as we explore new ways to reach more people in need.

As we prepare for this transition, we'd like to share our plans for the remainder of 2025:

- **September** — No Meal Scheduled
- **October 26th** — Community Meal served in the **Fellowship Hall**
- **November** — No Meal Scheduled – Plans for shut-in meals and care packages are currently in development.
- **December** — No Meal Scheduled – We will distribute **Holiday Meal Bags**, continuing the tradition from 2024