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Our Mission

*"Guided by God's love, we are called to welcome, love, and work for God's people
.....here, there, and every where."*

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am to 3pm

**Worship Schedule: 9am Sunday: In- Person, YouTube,
and Facebook**



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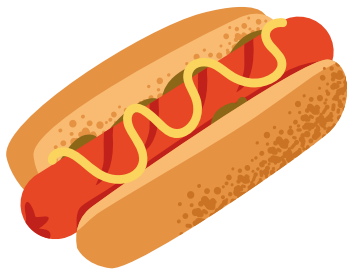


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Rally Day 2025



"Open Our Eyes to the Lord"

Join us Sunday, September 7th after worship for Rally Day!

Hamburger and Hotdog baskets will be served (free will donation)

There will be games such as the three-legged race, gunny sack, minnow races,
balloon dart throw and more!

All are welcome! Let's kick the year off right!



Important Dates

August

Summer with Saint Paul Kids.....August 13
Council Meeting.....August 21



September

Church Office Closed.....September 1
Rally Day.....September 7
First Day of Sunday School.....September 7
Blessing of the Backpack.....September 14
Council Meeting.....September 18



October

Three Year Old Bible Milestone.....October 5
Council Meeting.....October 16
No Sunday School.....October 19
No Sunday School.....October 26
Confirmation Sunday.....October 26



November

All Saints.....November 2
1st Grade Prayer Cube Milestone.....November 9
Council Meeting.....November 20
Church Office Closed.....November 27
No Sunday School.....November 30



Get To Know Your Fellow Members

Get to Know Members of Saint Paul Lutheran!



FRED AND MARSHA
KNUDSVIG

MEMBERS SINCE: 1993

HOMETOWNS: FRED: CROOKSTON, MN
MARSHA: PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WISCONSIN

HOBBIES: CAMPING
WOODWORKING,
YARDWORK, GRANDKIDS
AND TRAVEL

ABOUT US

CHILDREN: BEN AND KELLIANN

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT: FRED: MAYO CLINIC
MARSHA: NURSE- RETIRED IN JUNE
AFTER 38 YEARS AT MAYO

PETS: WE HAVE TWO BICHONS: BAILEY AND RUBY

FAITH STORY

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN?
THE PEOPLE

HOW HAVE YOU SERVED HERE AT SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN?
FRED: BUILDING AND GROUNDS, EVANGELISM
MARSHA: EVANGELISM, SPECIAL GIFTS, YOUTH

Get to Know Members of Saint Paul Lutheran!



WENDELL AND JUDY
ZWART

MEMBERS SINCE: JUDY - BAPTIZED
WENDELL - AFTER MARRIAGE

HOMETOWNS: PINE ISLAND, MN

HOBBIES: HORSES, HOBBY
FARMING, OLD CARS,
WOOD CARVING,
SEWING, CAMPING,
WALKING, AND BAKING

ABOUT US

CHILDREN: SCOTT AND WENDY

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT: WENDELL - PTM AND IBM
JUDY - PEOPLE'S GAS CO

PETS: DOG: SADIE
HORSES: BEAU AND MAYZIE

FAITH STORY

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN?
A SMALL TOWN, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE WITH A STRONG
BIBLE STUDY AND LIBERAL ATTITUDE. A FOCUS ON
MISSION TRIPS AND BENEVOLENCE.

HOW HAVE YOU SERVED HERE AT SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN?
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, CONFIRMATION MENTORS,
COUNCIL MEMBERS, BANNERS AND ALTAR DUTIES

WHAT PHRASE DO YOU LIVE BY?
FORGIVENESS AND REDEMPTION.

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KARLA AND TOM
THOMPSON

MEMBERS SINCE: 1986

HOMETOWNS: TOM: STEWARTVILLE
KARLA: SPRING GROVE

HOBBIES: GOLFING, PICKLEBALL,
MAHJONG, READING,
GRANDKIDS' ACTIVITIES,
GENEALOGY RESEARCH,
AND GARDENING.

ABOUT US

CHILDREN: DANIEL, RACHEL & JEFFREY & 6 GRANDKIDS

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT: TOM: RETIRED BUILDING INSPECTOR
KARLA: RETIRED PHYSICAL
THERAPIST, NOW A SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER AND FILLING IN AT THE
CHURCH OFFICE.

PETS: OUR CAT SPARKY

FAITH STORY

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN?
IT FEELS LIKE FAMILY.

HOW HAVE YOU SERVED HERE AT SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN?
CHURCH COUNCIL, POWERPOINT TEAM, COMMUNION
SERVER, BELLS AND CHURCH CHOIR

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MEMBER SINCE: 2004

HOMETOWNS: PINE ISLAND, MN

HOBBIES: SPENDING TIME WITH
FAMILY, READING,
FISHING, CALLING
BINGO, AND
PARTICIPATING IN
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

KIRBY
PACE

ABOUT KIRBY

CHILDREN: CHASE, WIFE SAMI AND CHELSEY

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: MAYO CLINIC APPOINTMENT OFFICE
SUPERVISOR FOR RADIATION
ONCOLOGY AND
PSYCHIATRY/PSYCHOLOGY

PETS: ALL THE GRAND FUR BABIES (FINN,
ARTHAS, DUKE, BELLA AND PIP)

FAITH STORY

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN?
THE MULTI-GENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS THAT HAVE
BEGUN TO FORM.

HOW HAVE YOU SERVED HERE AT SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN?
CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP LEADER, COUNCIL - ADULT ED,
SECRETARY, VP AND PRESIDENT

WHAT PHRASE DO YOU LIVE BY?
PERHAPS YOU WERE MADE FOR A TIME SUCH AS THIS.



A Word From Your Youth Director

Even though this season hasn't gone as planned, I've been reminded that God is still present in the quiet and in the waiting. Even when we feel like we're standing still, God is still working—gently, faithfully, and in ways we might not see right away.

One verse that's been grounding me lately is: Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." —Exodus 14:14

It's a powerful reminder that we don't have to carry it all on our own. In the midst of change, uncertainty, or just plain exhaustion, God is with us. Steady. Strong. Always loving.

I'm so grateful for this community, and I can't wait for the day we're all gathered again, full of energy and ready for what's next. Until then, I'm holding on to hope—and I encourage you to do the same.

Faith Formation

Sunday School

The first day of Sunday School is September 7th. This is also Rally Day so we hope everyone will be able to stay after Worship and Sunday School to kick the year off with some games, food and fellowship!

Look for an e-mail from our Sunday School Director, Emily, with information about signing up sometime in August. If you do not receive anything by the end of August, or you are new to our program, please e-mail the church office at saintpaulpi@yahoo.com

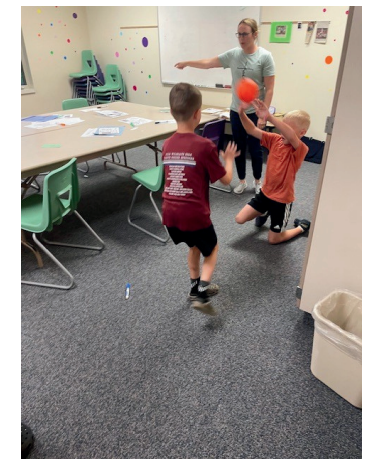
Confirmation

For families with children entering grades 7 or 8, please watch for an e-mail with more information about the 2025-2026 confirmation year sometime in August. If by the end of August you have not received an e-mail from the church office, please contact us at saintpaulpi@yahoo.com or 507-356-8925.

For those that have completed their final year of confirmation classes in the 2024-2025 year, Confirmation Sunday will be October 26th. Please keep an eye out with more information about practice, stole making and more in the coming weeks.

Summer With Saint Paul Kids

The next and last Summer with Saint Paul Kids is Wednesday, August 13th! Please e-mail Emily O'Brien at eobrienstp@gmail.com to register (she is also looking for a couple volunteers to lead a group of kids)! Food shelf item this round will be toilet paper!!



Pictures from July's Summer With Saint Paul Kids



August

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Aug 1	SAT 2
9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Handbell Practice	8:30am Loose Threads Quilting 1pm Chair Volleyball 4pm Glen Bickford Mediation	11am Ministerial Text Study				
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17 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Handbell Practice	18 8:30am Loose Threads Quilting 1pm Chair Volleyball	19 11am Ministerial Text Study	20	21 7pm Council Meeting	22	23
24 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Handbell Practice	25 8:30am Loose Threads Quilting 1pm Chair Volleyball	26 11am Ministerial Text Study	27 5pm Girl Scout Meeting	28 9am Cancer Support Group	29	30
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