

Worship Notes for Visitors & Members

Welcome to worship - Welcome to all, and especially to our visitors, we are glad you are here today, and hope that you will worship with us again soon and often. Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate. These will aid our record-keeping. Thank you. Large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex. *“It is good to worship the Lord together, and to come into his presence with thanksgiving.” Psalm 95*

Welcome children - Jesus said “Let the children come to me.” Children are welcome and encouraged to worship here at St. Paul. We rejoice that they are among us; however, if you need it, our nursery is available at all services and you can hear the service on audio. An usher will guide you.

St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	
<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Phil Wickstrom
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Kieliszewski
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce, Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	John and Linda Snyder
	9:00 am.	Roy Wekwert, Barb Szczesniak
		Ryan Panknin, Jeff Ciupka
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Patti Byce and Laurie Stafford

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

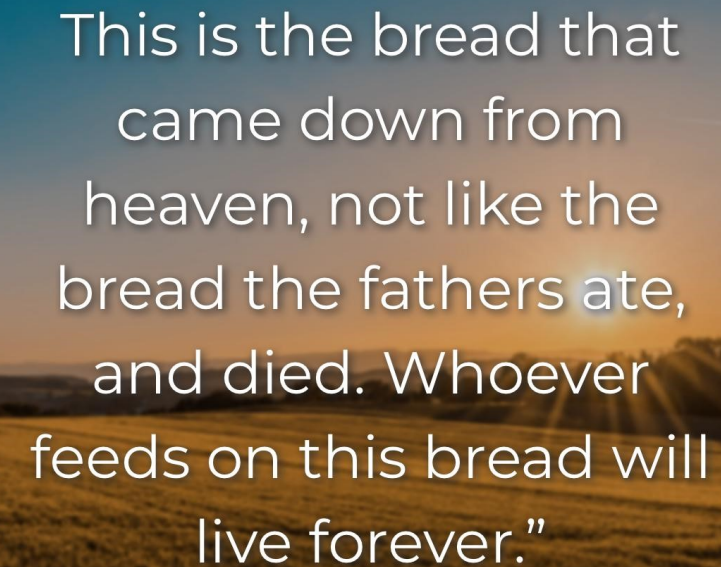
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Personnel Committee



This is the bread that
came down from
heaven, not like the
bread the fathers ate,
and died. Whoever
feeds on this bread will
live forever.”

John 6:58 ESV

August 17, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

August 18, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
August 18, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

Welcome! Celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries and a time to welcome our guests. We ask that you fill out the communion card and place it in the offering plate.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” (Red) #523

GREETING

Pastor: The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

SALT (Sisters Abiding in Light and Truth) meet the 3rd Sunday of each month. On August 18th we are headed to Lee’s Miniature Golf at 4:00 p.m. We will meet there and create teams once everyone arrives. There is no cost for this event. This is for younger women who are 18 - 45. Kids are welcome too. Please be in prayer for this younger women’s group.

"Stitches of Joy" gathers to sew projects that will be distributed throughout the community in her name. If you would like to join this dynamic ministry, we are meeting at Sandy Dee's Quilt Shop every month. Our next meeting is August 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Bring your sewing machine and supplies, a sack lunch and an open heart. Questions? Contact Karen at 989-464-0204.

Next weekend we will collect the noisy offering which will be used to support the Boys and Girls Club of Alpena, so don't forget to bring your change!

The August Service Activity is Besser Elementary School. Items needed: Expo markers, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, notebooks, glue, water bottles, Kleenex, Clorox wipes, headphones, Post-it notes, colored popsicle sticks, manilla folders, Ziploc bags (snack or sandwich size), red pens, pencil cap erasers, brown or white lunch paper bags, stickers, Dum Dums suckers, snacks, Playdough, paper towels, sponges, ice packs, band aids, coffee filters (to hold snacks), Dollar Tree gift cards (used to purchase incentives for the classroom), socks, underwear (all sizes) hair ties, sweat pants (smaller sizes) and plastic folders with three prongs in the center. Please leave your donations on the altar. Thank you.

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a fireside chat on August 25th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will sit by the firepit near the river (or in the house or gazebo) and talk about life, hope, grace and the love of God (no agenda). This is a gift from Nena and I, so nothing is required to be part of this experience. Come for 15 minutes or for 2 hours.

Worship on the Beach. We will celebrate 2 more times this summer at our beach property. The final Saturday of each month (August 31 and September 28) at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to bring a friend, a beverage of choice, a lawn chair, snacks and a joyful spirit. Saturday night services will continue at 5:30 p.m. We will carpool from the church and travel to the beach property at 6:30 p.m. The service and time of fellowship will last from 7:00-9:00 p.m. If there is rain, we will reschedule.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 18–25, 2024	
SUN.	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m.; S.A.L.T. (Putt-Putt Golfing at Lee’s)– 4:00 p.m.
MON.	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.
TUES.	Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 8:30 p.m.
WED.	Breakfast Belles <i>Women’s Breakfast</i> (at JJ’s)–7:30 a.m.
THURS.	3 M’s Men’s Breakfast (JJ’s)– 7:00 a.m.; Stitches of Joy – 10:00 a.m.; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Yoga 101 – 5:15 p.m.; Soul Sisters Kayaking – 6:00 p.m.
FRI.	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Dynamic Duo Wine Tasting Tour – 5:30 p.m.
SAT.	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
SUN.	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m.; Fireside Chats (1921 Long Rapids Road) – 5:00 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates and shares God's love and compassion.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:	Bill Woodward – health issues	Vicki Carlson - illness
Colton Henning -medical issues	Annette Wade – medical issues	Calvin Urban—medical
Laura Kieliszewski – health	Joel Foster – health concerns	Billiejo Foster – health issues
Scott Brooks – health issues	John Wegmeyer – health issues	Eugene Brooks–health issues
Harvey & Debbie Atkinson– health	Adam Schmidt – health issues	Norm Dutcher - unspecified
Marian Dove–unspecified need	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	David Reeves – health issues
Karen Wallace – unspecified need	Dixie Creiver – health issues	Jim Smith – health issues
Tammy Stoutenburg-unspecified	Dena Stevens – health issues	Margaret Lucian – health issues
Dale Zielaskowski - health issues	Chris Kowalski – health need	Art Hoffmeyer- heart issues

(Prayer is the best medicine and we are prepared to pray indefinitely for folks. Would you please help the church office keep our list current? Unless we know otherwise, our normal practice is to remove names after a month. Thank you for your partnership in prayer.)

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: New Life Lutheran Church, Spruce, Supply Pastors.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Lectors.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in honor of Lee and Barb Szczesniak on their 57th Wedding Anniversary.

ADDITIONAL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of my daughter, Mary Lou, from Janet Stafford and family.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Pam Laity who joined our Lord in eternity August 13, 2024. Her funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on August 17, 2024.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF JUNE</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (08/10)	5:30 p.m.	53	Income	30,820.56	160,895.13
Sunday (08/11)	9:00 a.m.	51	Expenses	28,930.60	176,225.26
	10:30 a.m.	<u>57</u>	Difference	1,889.96	(15,330.13)
Total		161			

The Stephen Ministry Team is excited to announce our next training for Stephen Ministers in September. Currently we have 2 new trainees and there is room for more. Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to others experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers bring Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Contact Iris Arthur, Sue Keyes, Shirley Jones, or Nena with any questions.

Join the Dynamic Duo Couple Ministry at Thunder Bay Winery at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 23rd for a Wine Tasting extravaganza. There is limited space, and the deadline to register is August 18th.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴‘You that are simple, turn in here!’ To those without sense she says, ⁵‘Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.’

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14 (Read Responsively)

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. **The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

DISMISSAL
 Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: John 6:51-58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’ ⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
and lead us forth in joy with shouts
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life, you have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

(Red) #860

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

“I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old old story
Of Jesus and His love

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(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Flesh and Blood”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“As We Gather at Your Table”

(Red) #522

Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Universal**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise . . . (concluding) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
F G C Am F G⁷ C
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Pleased be seated)

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Christ is both the host and the meal. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. Those not receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. There is grape juice for those who prefer it.

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**