



September

St. Paul's Mission

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Acts 2:38

***Remember God's Promises,
Live our Faith,
Serve our neighbor***

St Paul's Mission Statement

The Council has approved some minor changes to St Paul's Mission Statement. As a congregation, we should keep our mission statement before us, as it reminds us of how to believe in the living God, how to belong to one another, and how to bless the world around us. Let's take a look at each statement.

Remember God's Promises. One of the main reasons for being a church is to remind ourselves of the promises that God has given us. That is one of the main reasons we gather for worship. It is why we should spend time in the Word both personally and in small groups. God's promise gives us hope and wisdom to live life to the fullest. As Peter proclaims, God's promise in the cross of Christ is for us, our Children, and everyone whom the Lord calls.

Live Our Faith. It doesn't stop there. We trust those promises and take our faith out into our daily lives. It includes, of course, how we serve at Church but also how we live our everyday life at work, at home, and at play.

Serve our neighbor; our faith should finally propel us to reach out to them and bless them in service. Our neighbor includes everyone from the person who lives next door to you to people in need throughout the world. One of the things that excites me is that our leadership has looked for active ways to serve our neighbors. I can think of two examples. The trips that we have organized to Feed My Starving Children and the community Picnic for Springfield are both excellent, yet very different ways to serve the neighbor.

As you move forward in the years ahead, I encourage you to use this mission statement as a guide and decision-making tool: Remember, Live, Serve.

Be Hope-filled, Stay Strong, and God Bless,

Pastor Carl

**St Paul Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
August 13, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Jake Marz at 7:05 pm

Members Present: Jake Marz, Kim Graff, Kelly Sargent, Sarah Groebner, Andy Renner, Paul Muske, Pastor Carl Billings, Kathy Pederson, & Katie Mueller

Absent: Anita Jensen, Angel Rummel & Randy Wendt

Opening Prayer: Pastor Carl

Consent Agenda -- M/S/P by Paul Muske and Andy Renner

Secretary's Report – Approved

Financial Statement – Approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Building & Grounds:

*Sanctuary Ceiling – Tabled until further information obtained.

*Parsonage is finished being painted.

*Trees – (2) at church – (2) at parsonage – Tree's will be trimmed before fall.

Parish Ed Report:

*Rally Sunday – September 7th in Riverside Park @ 10:00 AM -- M/S/P Paul Muske & Sarah Groebner

*Permission to Use Paino from chapel for Rally Sunday – M/S/P Paul Muske & Kelly Sargent

Pastors Report:

*Revision of Mission Statement – M/S/P Kathy Pederson & Paul Muske

*Will start up having Greeters before church – looking for a few more volunteers

Call Committee Report:

*Interviewing Pastor Darren Olson

NEW BUSINESS:

Funds: Council authorized borrowing from the Memorial Fund for expenses as needed up to \$15,000 -- M/S/P Paul Muske and Andy Renner

Scholarships: \$500 Awarded to Brendon Buerkle & Jordyn Plaster – M/S/P Kelly Sargent and Kathy Pederson

Cemetery Meeting Minutes: Lawnmower was purchased and prices for selling of cemetery lots changed.

German Supper – September 24, 2025 – M/S/P Kim Graff and Kelly Sargent

Al Groebner Vacation Dates: August 25th-September 1st and September 19th -21st.

Closing Prayer: -- The Lord's Prayer

Adjourned: -- 8:35 PM

Submitted by Kim Graff, Council Secretary

2025 Church Council

Jacob Marz - Chair

Kim Graff - Secretary

Randy Wendt

Kathy Pederson

Sarah Groebner

Kelly Sargent - Treasure

Paul Muske

Angel Rummel

Andy Renner

St Paul Attendance

7/27 9am - 48	7/29 6pm - 8	8/3 9am - 55
8/10 9am - 49	8/12 6pm - 12	8/17 9am - 49
8/19 6pm - 13	8/24 9am - 48	8/26 6pm - 10

Budget Recap Year-To-Date (01/01/25 to 8/24/25)

Total Funds for Budget	\$108,405.38	Total Operating Funds	\$108,405.38
Memorial Loan	<u>+\$18,000.00</u>		
	\$108,423.38		
Budget	<u>-\$155,574.82</u>	Operating Exp.	<u>-\$154,599.82</u>
Difference	(\$47,151.44)	Difference	(\$28,194.44)

Thrivent Financial—As always, St. Paul Lutheran Church is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible to direct Choice DollarsSM, we ask you to consider St. Paul Lutheran as you help direct Thrivent Financials charitable funds.

No Memorials Given 6/25/2025 - 8/24/2025

In Memory: _____ **Given by:** _____ **Designated for:** _____

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 Notice: Please update your phone numbers and/or email address with the church office!
 Several of the numbers we have are disconnected and we need to know how to get a hold
 of you!
 You can leave a note in the box outside of Katie's office, call or email the church office at
 507-723-5880 or stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com. We appreciate you keeping us updated!

Our worship services are live broadcast on YouTube! Just subscribe to our YouTube Channel by going to www.youtube.com and searching for St Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN, or simply scan the QR Code with your smartphone. Be sure to subscribe so you will be notified when we go live!



Please pray for...Jan Kettner, Jerome Kettner, Doug Rositzke; all those serving in the military, at home and abroad: Jesse Kettner, Cylee Graff, Shane Clemon, Ethan Langseth, and Emily Wendt.
 Prayer Chain –If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along, please call Jan Severson (723-6358) or the church office (723-5880). Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer Chain and/or (2) included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for **two** Sundays unless otherwise specified.

Deadlines:
Sunday Bulletin: Wednesday by 10 am.
Epistle: 20th of each month. Please call or email the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epistle. stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com



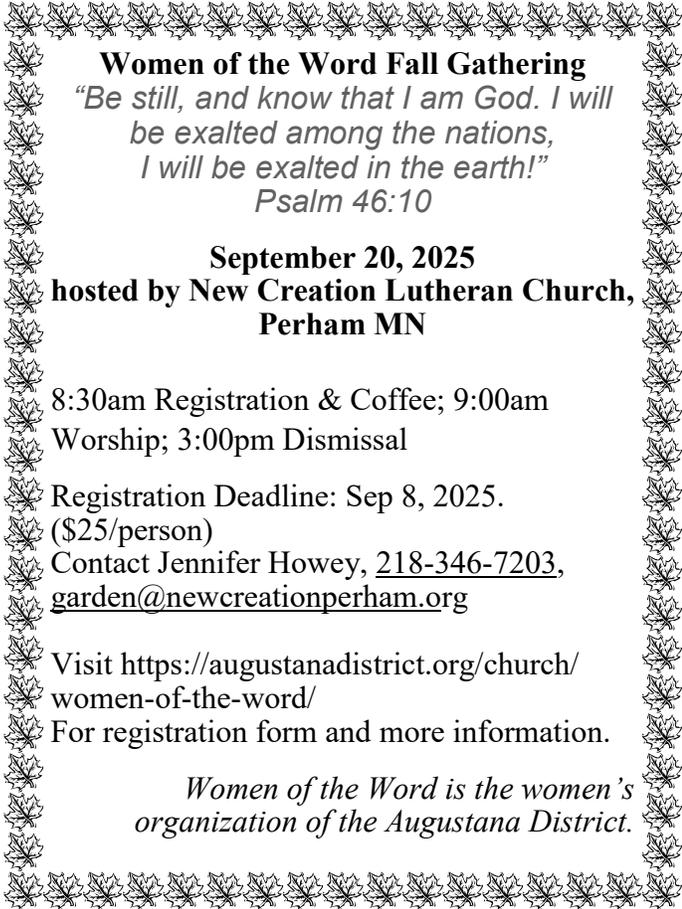
Adult Choir to begin September 3rd

Adult Choir Rehearsals will begin Wednesday evening, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All current members are encouraged to attend and new members (7th grade and older) are always welcome. Contact Jeff Krueger or Katie in the church office with questions.



Church Auction Interest

If there's interest in hosting a church auction this year, we're looking for someone willing to take the lead in organizing it. This event is a great opportunity to bring our community together and support St. Paul Lutheran—but it can't happen without a committed coordinator. If you'd like to step up or learn more about what it entails, please reach out!



Women of the Word Fall Gathering

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
Psalm 46:10

September 20, 2025

**hosted by New Creation Lutheran Church,
Perham MN**

8:30am Registration & Coffee; 9:00am
Worship; 3:00pm Dismissal

Registration Deadline: Sep 8, 2025.
(\$25/person)

Contact Jennifer Howey, [218-346-7203](tel:218-346-7203),
garden@newcreationperham.org

Visit <https://augustanadistrict.org/church/women-of-the-word/>

For registration form and more information.

*Women of the Word is the women's
organization of the Augustana District.*

ALL ARE WELCOME



Shalom Hill Farm

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025

30 Year Celebration



10am - 4pm – Shalom Hill Farm Farmer's Market
Tours, Displays, Exhibits, Kids' Zone, Music, Labyrinth, Walking Trails &
More!

11:30-1:00 – Lunch – free will offering
1:30-2:15pm - Peace of the Prairie - Original Liturgy
2:15pm – Refreshments

Join us for a Celebration of 30 Years of our Ministry!

42194 County Rd 3, Windom, MN

Interested in participating or sponsoring this event, contact SHF Board Sec at
mlpderickson@comcast.net

Ingham Okoboji Adult Camp Opportunities

<https://www.okoboji.org/adult-retreats>

Fall Eldersversity: September 7-9, 2025

Did you go to Bible camp as a kid and wish you could have that experience again? Or maybe you didn't have the opportunity to go to Bible camp but would like to have that experience! Here is your chance! Eldersversity camp is a special camp for those age 55 and older. At camp you will have the opportunity to participate in many different camp activities such as: singing, campfires, devotions and teaching times, pontoon ride, and much more!

Fall Crafting Retreat: November 21-23, 2025

Set aside some time just for you to do what makes you happy. Fill up your car with all the materials and tools you need and come to camp for a weekend of creativity, relaxation and spiritual growth. Also enjoy delicious food, soothing massages and great people as you unwind from your busy life and have some ME time! Bring a friend along. They may have a totally different project than you. That's okay. You can do your own thing right along side each other. Through out the weekend there will be several times set aside to gather together to encourage each other and grow in your faith.

* Indicates Choir Singing.

Worship Service Helpers

Date	Sound & Video	Projection	Reader	Greeters	Acolyte	Usher	Organist
9/7	Rally Sunday At Riverside Park 10:00 am						
*9/14	Trevor Krebs	Mueller Family	Brittany Cook	Bill & Mel Vogel	Abigail Shaw Gavin Brown	Team 3	Jo Schwartz
9/21	Mueller Family	Mueller Family	Paul Muske	Kurt & Mary Glaeseman	Wyatt Dove Gavin Dove	Team 4	Jo Schwartz
9/28	Tim Vogel	Jacobs Girls	Daniel Kettner	Paul & Jo Muske	Hunter Jeppesen Madisen Schumacher	Team 1	Pamela Billings

September Birthdays!

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- 1 - Madalyn Krueger
 - 1 - Stacey Weisensel
 - 1 - Bonnie Wells
 - 1 - Andy Renner
 - 2 - Nancy Renner
 - 3 - Jill Vogel
 - 3 - Jonah Pidde
 - 6 - Roland Lang
 - 7 - Bud Wendt
 - 8 - Jan Kratz
 - 8 - Sarah Lund
 - 9 - Tyler Marz
 - 10 - Wes Kral
 - 11 - Elsie Groebner
 - 11 - Jacob Marz
 - 11 - Jenna Shaw
 - 12 - Austin Plaster
 - 13 - Ruth Potter
 - 15 - Katie Mueller
 - 15 - Bailey Streich
 - 15 - Samantha Meidl
 - 16 - Maverick Kratz
 - 16 - Tyler Hagert
 - 17 - Jo Schwartz
 - 17 - Lois Zihlke
 - 18 - Emily Anderson
 - 19 - Linda Nachreiner
 - 20 - Aubrey Hillesheim
 - 20 - Catarina Lang
 - 21 - Jack Jensen
 - 24 - Kaden Pyzick
 - 24 - Walker Krueger
 - 26 - Jeremy Dove
 - 27 - Shawna Jacobs
 - 28 - Beau Steinhaus
 - 28 - Lily Steinhaus

Usher Teams

- 1 - Don Bloemke, John Marz, Jake Marz, Paul Meidl
- 2 - Doug Gatzlaff, Dave Bittler, Peter Heitzman
- 3 - Doug Schiller, Russell Rogotzke, Mark Buerkle, Jeremy Dove
- 4 - Tim Vogel, Scott Vogel, Bill Vogel

September Altar Guild

Rhonda Larson
Ashley Cook

September Anniversaries!

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- 7 - Kevin & Trisha Schumacher - 12 years
 - 8 - Robert & Emily Anderson - 18 years
 - 13 - Harold & Marlys Wendt - 67 years
 - 14 - Andrew & Lindsey Krueger - 12 years
 - 14 - Ken & Sharon Renner - 62 years
 - 14 - Tyler & Catarina Lang - 6 years
 - 18 - Jerome & Jerrine Kettner - 56 years
 - 22 - Dylan & Amanda Thompson - 7 years

CHURCH GREETERS WANTED!

We are bringing back church greeters! This was something that went away during the covid pandemic, and we are excited to bring it back!

If you would like to be a greeter, you can sign up in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall or let Katie know by either phone 507-723-5880 or email stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

Like in the past, greeters will be on a rotation. We need two people per service that will greet people as they enter church. Sign up today!

RALLY SUNDAY



Rally Sunday Worship at
Riverside Park Shelter #3
with our friends from
St. Johns Lutheran Church!
Sunday, September 7th,
10:00 a.m.

*Bring a lawn chair if you wish.

Sunday School Families ~ Save the Dates
for Sunday School gifts for the year!

Sunday, September 21

~Preschool Cradle Roll Doves

~Preschool/Kindergarten Bibles

Sunday, September 28

~ 1st Grade Small Catechism

Sunday, October 5

~ 3rd Grade Bibles

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH



Remember God's Promises
Live our Faith
Serve our Neighbor

We are thrilled to welcome you all
back to church and Sunday school
on Sunday, September 14th!

Join us every Sunday as we gather
together in faith and community,
celebrating our shared beliefs and
supporting one another!

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Talk 10:00 a.m.

We can't wait to see you!

St. Paul Lutheran Church
303 N Cass Avenue
Springfield, MN



German Supper

DRIVE UP OR DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

WED., SEPT 24~ 4:30-6:00

OR SOLD OUT

St. Paul Lutheran Church

303 N CASS AVE., SPRINGFIELD

SAUERKRAUT WITH PORK AND DUMPLINGS, BRAT,

GERMAN POTATO SALAD, AND COOKIE

\$ 14 IN ADVANCE OR \$ 15 AT THE DOOR

ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CHURCH OFFICE

OR ADVANCE PRESS

Help is needed for the
German Supper and prep
work the days leading up to
the supper.

We need help peeling and
slicing the potatoes, opening
kraut cans, cooking bacon
and brats, making dumplings
AND several workers for
the actual Supper as well.
If you are able to help out in
any way, please contact the
office.

507-723-5880

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Calendar Highlights - September 2025
7 - Rally Sunday
24 - German Supper

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Office Hours

Pastor Carl Billings carlbillings@me.com
Monday & Tuesday 9-11 a.m.
or by appointment

Parish Coordinator: Katie Mueller
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon
stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen
Fin_secretary@newulmtel.net

Housekeeping: Mary Jo Simonson
Maintenance: Al Groebner

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Articles may be submitted for publication subject to content.

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School (September-May)

10:00 a.m. Coffee Talk



**Give
Today!**



Springfield Area Food Shelf hours
Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am
625 N Jackson Ave - Springfield, MN 56087
(Springfield Clinic Lower Level)
507-723-3663 (FOOD)