



welcome to st. paul lutheran church & school

Weekend of February 27th and 28th

Biblical Texts: Psalm 22:23–31; Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Romans 5:1–11; Mark 8:27–38;

Sermon: Pastor Ron Weidler

Sermon Title: "How to Seek Reconciliation"



*Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School!
We are glad that you worshiped with us today.
If you are a visitor and you are looking for a church home,
we would love for you to consider St. Paul. We are here to connect you with Jesus!*

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES 2021

With the exception of Easter Sat/Sun, each of these services will be offered twice: Noon and 7:00 p.m. All the services will be in the sanctuary. The Easter services will be at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; 6:30, 8:00, and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Our Spanish Service will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

March 3	Midweek III
March 10	Midweek IV
March 17	Midweek V
March 24	Midweek VI
April 1	Maundy Thursday
April 2	Good Friday
April 3-4	Easter Sat/Sun

St. Paul School Fundraiser —Deadline March 5th

Our DIY at-home Family Fun continues in March with a donut fundraiser! Each \$8 kit will include 10 donuts, icing, and sprinkles. Please submit payment, cash or check to St. Paul PTL, prior to **Friday, March 5th**. All donut kits will be distributed after school on **Friday, March 12th**.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Hearts for Jesus Valentines sale earlier this month. We raised just over \$280! These funds will be donated to Lutheran Church Charities to continue the Crosses for Losses ministry.

Finally, thank you for supporting our school and local restaurant, Luigi's, with your pizza kit orders. We sold over 500 pizzas!

Please contact us at ptl@stpaulaurora.org with any questions.

Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/stpaulptl

Upcoming Events and News

Lead Pastor Call

Please keep Rev. Rodney Serbus and his family in your prayers as he considers our call as Lead Pastor for St. Paul.

Easter Lilies —Deadline March 21st

As a part of your celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, purchase an Easter lily to beautify the Sanctuary. Simply complete the form, attach your check made payable to *St. Paul* and place it in the box labeled “Easter Lily” located at the Welcome Center, order deadline for ordering your Easter lilies is Sunday, March 21st.

Call Committee Announcement for our next St. Paul School Principal:

With the announcement of Diane's retirement, the BOD will be establishing a call committee to begin looking for our next school principal. Jessica Schmidt will serve as the Chair for the call committee along with Shelli Kostner from the BOD and Dan Schmidt from the BOE. Once the call committee is established, we will keep the congregation informed throughout the process including the submission of names to consider for a call to serve as the next Principal of St. Paul.

Greetings to all St. Paul Members and Visitors

Psalm 117 is a short Psalm. But it gets right to the point. It lets us know that God expects Praise and Adoration all while he showers us with His love. It is an easy Psalm to memorize.

Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!
For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the Faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!

As you will notice there are only four sentences.

Three with exclamation marks!

Praise!

Extol! = Praise enthusiastically

Praise!

This is what He wants us to do

One with a period. God's statement, letting us know this is what He will do. For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the Faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. 2020 has come and gone. Some of its difficult times and some of its blessings will soon be forgotten but some will have its lasting impact. 2021 will be no different it will also have its difficult days and days of blessings. We should always remember the hymn, "*Great is thy Faithfulness*". Because, Morning by Morning new Mercies we see!!

We all need to remember **Psalm 117**. It is God speaking directly to us. Praise Him, Extol Him, for His steadfast love TOWARD US, and the Faithfulness of the Lord ENDURES FOREVER!!!

That is His promise to us. We give thanks to God for Pastor Morales and Pastor Weidler. God is using them as they minister to all of us. We also give thanks to Diane Katz and for her years of ministry to the School and Church. We know God will bless her and Harry as they start a new chapter in their lives.

We have some families going through some difficult times, especially with Covid-19 and all the shut downs. St. Paul has been able to help two families in the past months through the Benevolent Funds. We are grateful for your donations to this Fund. It has been a blessing to our Church families in their time of need.

Please keep our Church, School and Country in your daily prayers.

Blessings to all of you!

The Board of Elders

Upcoming Events and News

Immerse Bible: Kingdoms

"This study will now be self managed as church staff and volunteers are not available at this time to assist with this study. Books are still available for anyone, or group, that would still like to do this interesting study." Both Pastor Moarales and Pastor Weidler are available for any questions that may arise.

Project Mobility

St. Paul School alum and St. Paul church member Anna Sabella is one of this year's Project Mobility Adaptive Bike Giveaway participants. Anna has reached out to ask our St. Paul Church & School community to see if we might be able to find people interested in donating to this initiative. Project Mobility's mission is to "make a positive difference in the lives of children, adults and wounded soldiers with disabilities. We provide the services, resources, and equipment needed to promote better health, independence, and the freedom of mobility through adaptive cycling." The link to the fund is found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/holiday-adaptive-bike-giveaway-2020>.

You can read about Anna's story at <http://bit.ly/2YjipN1>.

Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration!

Yearbook Photos Needed

Obviously, this school year looks different than a typical school year, but we still want to remember it with a yearbook. Due to the cancellation of many school events and extracurricular activities, there's a lot of pages to fill. Below are some ideas for content for submission.

- ◆ Athletics (as an individual or with a team)
- ◆ Music (playing an instrument or singing)
- ◆ Preparing for special events at school
- ◆ Learning at home (participating through Google Classroom or with special activities)
- ◆ Baking your Luigi's pizzas at home
- ◆ Pumpkin carving contest photos
- ◆ Snow day photos
- ◆ Dressing up for the Christmas program recording

** We also have a **special request for Diane's retirement** – please send along any photos you have of Diane (either with or without your past or present student) for a special tribute section of the yearbook. **

If you have photos to submit, please send them to Addie Hatfield (addiehatfield@yahoo.com).

Be sure to note the event along with the classroom and/or students involved.

Paving Our Future Fund—Total received to Date = \$280,340

Improvements Made to Date to be paid from Paving For the Future Fund:

3 HVAC (Heating and AC) Units replaced -	\$41,750
2 Industrial Sump Pumps replaced -	\$11,730
Repaving of Driveway and access road -	\$26,319
New Church Roof -	\$72,253
Parking Lot Re-paved -	\$140,253

Total Giving this past week ending: 2/21/2021

General Fund = \$17,091

Paving for the Future = \$0

		Attendance	Fiscal YTD Offerings	Budget Offering	Budget Weekly	YTD
Feb	20 - 21, 2021	149	\$17,091	\$504,184	\$16,850	\$572,900
Feb	15 - 16, 2020	302	\$13,350	\$493,954		

Ministry Connections

Bible Study Classes

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Class

The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Class is studying various bible readings. Please come and join this great bunch of gentlemen that meet every Tuesday in the Narthex/Lobby at 8am all year round. For more information you can call Reva at the church office on a Tuesday or Thursday 630-896-3250.

Monday Morning Ladies Bible Class

We the Living Lights Monday morning Ladies Bible Class invite all ladies to come and join us. Our new scheduled bible study will be on a book of scripture. We meet every Monday Morning from 9-11 in the Narthex/Lobby. Bring your smiles, masks, and a bible.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class

Women's Bible Study meet every Thursday from (September-May) 9:00-11am at Luigi's Pizza , 732 Prairie St, Aurora. For the Winter session , starting January 14, we are studying Immerse -Beginnings. We practice social distancing and please wear your mask, if you have questions please Contact: Danna Grant (630) 277-8149.

Saturday: Traditional @ 5pm

**Sunday: Traditional @ 8am: Spanish @ 9:30am:
Contemporary @ 11am**

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