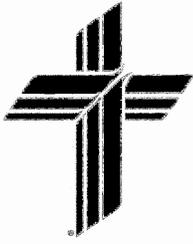


God's Family



- 10:00 a.m.—Sunday
Worship Service

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Lighting the Fire

I had a few friends over to talk turkey over some pork. We were going to have a few brats as we discussed their roles in volunteering at the Oktoberfest that is just around the corner, October 16th.

With my traditional grill not hooked up to gas, I figured it'd be easier to use the Black Stone. If you are familiar with this cooking option, you know it has a few extra steps.

First, I had to clean it, like really clean it, because I had neglected it over the hot summer. Then I had to season it again, due to the neglect as well as routine maintenance. These processes require water, oil, scraping wipes, grease, junk, run-off, etc. And I haven't even started cooking yet.

Finally, after several minutes of prep I got to light the fire.

To me it seemed like a metaphor for starting big events like the Oktoberfest. It is a lot of work, sweat, elbow grease, and wishing the process could be easier and maybe more straight forward. But, it was worth it to hear, hey, that's a great brat! Just like it was worth seeing the fire once it was lit at St. Paul's with our Oktoberfest.

The energy, the excitement, and the joy of seeing the turn out of the community and the hope for the future was palpable. The fire was started.

I can't wait to see the fire grow for our second annual Oktoberfest. I want to see our hope, our love, our witness of Jesus in this community spread like wildfire! So may your hearts be ignited, light up the fryers, let's do it again St. Paul's, and show this community that we are alive, and we are a people on fire for the Lord!

Which is why I am overjoyed to announce another spark that is igniting. This September we will be launching our new class, Fire Starters. This class is for those who are on fire for Jesus and want to fan their flames, those who have a spark of curiosity and want to see the embers grow, or even those who see the flame in our community and just want to know what it is all about.

Fire Starters is St. Paul's touch point for discipleship, welcoming in new members of the faith, and caring for the flame that is in all our hearts.

Do you have someone who is new to the faith, interested in the faith, or is ready to be set on fire for the Lord? Then, Fire starters is the place to be.

The class will begin on blank. It will be a 4-week walk through who we are as a faith community, what we believe, and how we live out that faith together.

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September Birthdays

9/3 – Judy Joerling

9/4 – Leonard Sudbrock

9/4 – Marian Wildschuetz

9/9 – Joyce Rook

9/13 – Amanda Becker

9/13 – Jeff Schneider

9/14 – Diana Eschenbrenner

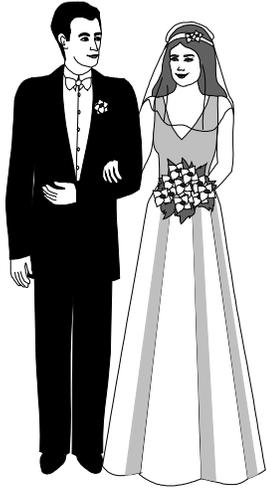
9/15 – Olivia Diederich

9/16 – Ethan Eslinger

9/16 – Wanda Greiwe

9/22 – Virginia Kase

9/24 – Shelley Running



September Anniversaries

9/16 – Jeffrey & Dawn Joerling - 16 years

9/18 – Kenneth & Jennifer Regot – 23 years

9/23 – Stacy & Tamara Gerard - 16 years

9/27 – Mike & Sandy Schmidt – 28 years

9/28 – Jay & Teresa Holladay - 37 years

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September Services

8/4—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.

8/11—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.

8/18—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.

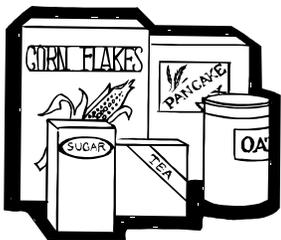
8/25—Sunday w/Communion —10:00 a.m.



August Food Pantry Donations

Members of the congregation reported donating 36 food items and \$65.00 in cash to the New Melle Food Pantry during the month of July.

In the future, if you donate, please report this to Sherry in the office, so your donations can be included in our tally.



Meal-a-Month Needs for September

The **MEAL-A-MONTH ITEMS** for **September**: Paper towels, Bisquick, beef stew, syrup, sugar, cooking oil, men's deodorant, Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper, canned potatoes, BBQ sauce, mayonnaise, mandarin oranges, canned pineapple, chili beans, fruit juice, and coffee.

Please bring items directly to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. If you donating money, please make checks payable to: St. Vincent De Paul Society. You may hand deliver your monetary (cash or check) donation or mail a check to Immaculate Heart of Mary, PO Box 100, New Melle, MO 63365. Please report your donation to Sherry Brandes in the office for Voters Assembly and Ladies Aid records. You only need to report number of items (or boxes or bags) and dollar amount. No names will be attached to the donations; just a monthly tally of the number of food items and dollars donated will be recorded.

Lighting the Fire *(cont'd from page 1)*

This is an open invitation, just like Oktoberfest was, for us St. Paulians to ignite and spread like wildfire. This time, it is with the very faith we share as a community.

And like Oktoberfest, I am asking for all hands-on-deck. We need help providing meals, support, resources and most of all, your presence and witness as we open up our hearts and doors to the community of New Melle to learn about our story of Hope, about Jesus our Lord, and about what it means to be a part of our faith community of Fire.

See inside on page 7 for more specifics on Fire Starters.

Pastor Maxx

Pastoral Hospital Visits

Pastor Fisher will make every effort to visit those who are hospitalized. He will visit members of St. Paul's, as well as other family members and friends (with their permission, of course). To do this, he will need to be contacted in a very timely manner. He will need information concerning location, length of stay, and medical condition, so he can be best prepared to serve the person who is hospitalized. If he is unable to make a visit, he will still pray, so contact him! If you are unable to contact him, please notify the office to see if Sherry can be of any help in making contact.

High School Students (or Parents & Grandparents)

It's time to register for Youth Group at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wentzville, Missouri.

If you or someone you know is interested, please email Deaconess Janie

Fisher at:

jfisher@ilsw.org

(if you do not have email, contact St. Paul's Church office at 636-828-5616, and Sherry will help you contact Janie.)

Special Thank You to Immanuel

As St. Paul's continues to grow its own capacity, we have needed some help along the way. One of our biggest helpers, supporters, and encouragers has been Immanuel Wentzville.

We would have struggled to meet the \$10,000 dollar matching grant requirement, if not for Immanuel's stepping in with \$3,500 of their own.

Thank you, Immanuel, for truly seeing the Kingdom and it's work as across time and space, as well as truly present here at St. Paul's.

A Note from our Oktoberfest Chairman:

NEXT OKTOBERFEST PLANNING MEETING: Tuesday, September 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Our next OKTOBERFEST is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2022. We are looking forward to a fantastic event. If you have been involved in the past we look forward to teaming up with you again. If you haven't yet, please consider joining us in fellowship with our community and service to our mission.

Please contact Jeff Schneider for more information:
email: jschneider59@gmail.com or call: (636) 448-1050

HVAC Unit Repair

This summer the parsonage received much needed upgrades. A new heating and air conditioning unit was installed in the parsonage, so that it can pump out cool fresh air and warm toasty heat for years to come. The parsonage is a part of our Church and it's ongoing stewardship in the ministry.

Additionally, it is Janie's and my home. Thank you for taking care of it, and so, us. It means more than you know.

Special thanks to Mike Schmidt and Rick Pohlman for leading this project. Both of these men do more than you know for this Church, as their contribution is often behind the scenes. They orchestrated this upgrade in a very timely manner. Also, thank you to the Schneiders & friends for keeping the house cool in the meantime with a temporary AC unit.

It was Dalton Schmidt that made special arrangements in his already crazy work schedule to ensure the unit installation got done in a timely and professional manner (along with his work colleague, to whom we also give thanks!). I, regrettably, didn't take any pictures of the event. But rest assured, I gave Dalton Schmidt a big hug and now consider Dalton "my hero." Thank you, Dalton, for all you do for your church and community. —Pastor Maxx

Equip

Join in for a small group study and fellowship at Pastor's house, local restaurants, and other gathering points! We will be equipping one another for the mission of witnessing the gospel and making disciples, starting with us!

Our first devotional walk will be through the book titled *Joining Jesus on His Mission*.

This Study will help us understand the living and active Jesus's mission in our own backyards. We will answer the question, "How can we join Jesus on His Mission?" and unpack the scriptural foundations for relational mission.

We will begin at Pastor's house by meeting from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21. Locations for future meetings will be discussed and announced after this first session.

Meeting Schedule—6:00-7:00 p.m.

September 21 & 28

October 5, 12 & 19

November 2 & 9

St. Paul's Sunday Worship Team:

We need volunteers for running our Live Streaming Technology.

We also need MORE USHERS, MORE COUNTERS & MORE ALTAR TEAM MEMBERS!

Please contact the office if you would be willing to serve on any of these teams.

The more people who sign up for any task, the lighter the load becomes for everyone involved, so please consider being a part of the worship team.

St. Paul's Receives Matching Grant Funds

St. Paul's Lutheran Church has been awarded a \$10,000 matching grant funds for our Oktoberfest event. As we continue to reinvest in ourselves, it is a beautiful thing that other members of our Faith are investing in us and our ministry here in New Melle!

With this \$10,000 we will be able to invest in much needed physical equipment including digital, payment technology, canopy tents, a PA system, folding tables, exterior Wi-Fi equipment, perpetual use signage, and fry shed improvements, including an electricity upgrade, an additional fryer, exterior maintenance, sink rehab, and tables.

Not only will this build up our Oktoberfest event, but will also help us in increasing our capability for other events and opportunities for our future ministry.

This is a huge win for St. Paul's.

Generation Sundays

This fall we will launch a monthly Generations worship. You may recall our post-Kidz Carnival Sunday worship. We incorporated elements that engaged all generations in the Word. The service will include more youth friendly songs and hymns, a children's message, as well as an interactive Sunday School experience before the service.

For more questions, please contact Sandy Schmidt and Becky Murphy.

Our first study will be a walk through the book of Habakkuk, a small quirky prophet with a message that the 21st century needs urgently.

Generations Sundays Schedule

September 25

October 30

December 18

Sunday School Experience—9:00-9:45 a.m.

Worship—10:00-11:00 a.m.



Reaching Out to College Students

College outreach, evangelism, and discipleship were the topics of a special presentation given by Ty Williams, grandson of Terry and Mary Bethel, following St. Paul's church service on Sunday, August 7.

Ty will be working for The Navigators in Kansas City, MO, which is a ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus Christ and helps others grow in him



through Life-to-Life discipleship, Bible studies, and genuine fellowship. The focus of Ty's work will be college students who may not know Jesus at all, may be seeking to know more about him, or may be trying to navigate their way in this very confusing world, as they try to grow into adulthood.

To support Ty and his work with the Navigators, you may pick up information on the table in the narthex, go online to navigators.org, or send checks to: The Navigators, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6079, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6679.

Parsonage Backyard Work

At the spur of the moment, God can send a blessing (or a miracle depending how you look at it). This past August, the in-laws and friends joined in to help spruce up the backyard of the parsonage to get it ready for some fall ministry use!

Included in the efforts were Pastor Chuck from Messiah, who had the unexpectedly challenging and time-consuming duty of pulling weeds from sidewalks. I helped with this and can affirm, though it seems small and easy, it took forever and may have been the most straining task of the day!



Bro-in-law Will Schlie took time off his break to jump into work and service. He moved gross and heavy things to a dumpster and finished with the soaking wet (though cooling) task of pressure washing the fence. He needed a rinse after moving all the dumpster stuff.



Pastor Auringer came in later to put us over the top. When we were slowing down, he brought the energy and professionalism to begin the painting task of the garage. As any smart young pastor did, I stepped back and watched wisdom at work after I realized I was probably just getting in the way of the experts!



And finally, I want to lift up my brother Todd Verssman. He would not approve of this note, as he is truly a humble servant. But I must share his witness to you. He worked all day, nonstop on the task of prepping and preparing the paint job. He even came back later that week and spent another full day to make sure it was finished. Because of his efforts all the out buildings at the parsonage had their doors and trim painted. It looks beautiful.

Service of Silence & Prayer

Friday Mornings

9:00-9:30 a.m.

DATES

September 9, 16, 23 & 30

October 7 & 28

November 4, 11, 18 & 25

December 2, 9 & 16

Confession & Absolution

Friday Mornings

9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

Following the Service of Silence & Prayer

Pastor will be in his office for this reason.

People are free to schedule with him via email, text, or stop by the office with full confidentiality.

(This will also continue from September through December, as listed on the schedule above.)



Fire Starters

St. Paul's, we do many amazing things here with our ministry. But our goal, our mission and our vision is to continue making disciples until Jesus comes again.

Fire Starters is our unique opportunity for you to reignite your passion for our specific mission here at St. Paul's, bring those with the spark of curiosity for our life together, or even just bring someone who wants to see what this fire is all about.

We will launch our Fire Starters class from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18, where everyone can engage in our Story, our Faith, Our Vision, and our commitment as a community of fellow followers of Jesus.

Following this class we will have our Fire Starters' "Deeper Disciples" Class where we will engage in the foundation tenants of our faith, of which we all need refreshed in.

Finally, we will host a Fire Starters, "Cost of Discipleship Class" where we will discuss how to keep the fire kindled.

Visitor Gift Bags

If you bring a visitor to St. Paul's, please make sure one of our greeters gives them a St. Paul's gift bag with "goodies" and information about St. Paul's. It has a mug, a small magnet, the history of our organ, an other information about our church and what they can do to "Connect" with us and with Pastor Maxx.

Oktoberfest

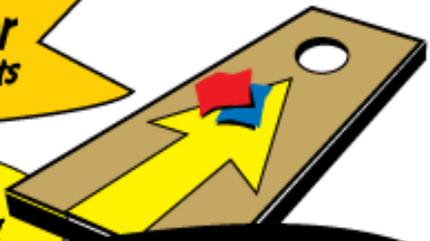
Sunday, October 16
12:00PM - 6:00PM

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German Sausage Dinner
Desserts



Register for Tournament @
stpauls-oktoberfest.org



Cornhole Tournament



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Beer Garden

Two cartoon beer mugs filled with golden beer and white foam, clinking together.

Kids Corn Pit!

An illustration of two ears of yellow corn on the cob next to a black rectangular pit filled with yellow corn kernels.

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Volunteering for St. Paul's Oktoberfest

Our Oktoberfest will not work without VOLUNTEERS, like YOU! We will need "all hands on deck" to make this event as successful as our Kidz Carnival.

While each job is not hard, many workers will be needed to:

- 1) Make 300 Pretzel Necklaces prior to the day of the Oktoberfest
- 2) Set up (tents, tables, chairs, and more) on Saturday evening and early Sunday morning before the event begins
- 3) Assist with parking throughout the day
- 4) Frying sausage in the fry shed
- 5) Working in the kitchen to prepare some of the food items
- 6) Filling the carryout containers
- 7) Wrapping the sausage sandwiches
- 8) Taking orders and collecting cash and electronic payments for food in the food stand
- 9) Setting up the Country Market and keeping it organized throughout the day
- 10) Collecting cash and electronic payments for items and raffle tickets in the Country Market
- 11) Collecting cash and electronic payments for individual desserts
- 12) Working at the Welcome Booth and History Booth
- 13) Supervising the kids corn pit
- 14) Emptying trash cans throughout the day
- 15) Cleaning up at the end of the day, and more!

To sign up or get more information and details, please sign up on the volunteer list in the narthex, talk to Jeff Schneider, Becky Murphy, any other committee member, or contact our church office.

Also, you can support our Oktoberfest, by signing up your 2-person team for the cornhole tournament. The price to enter your team and other details on the tournament and other happenings during the event will be available soon.



New Melle Golf Scramble

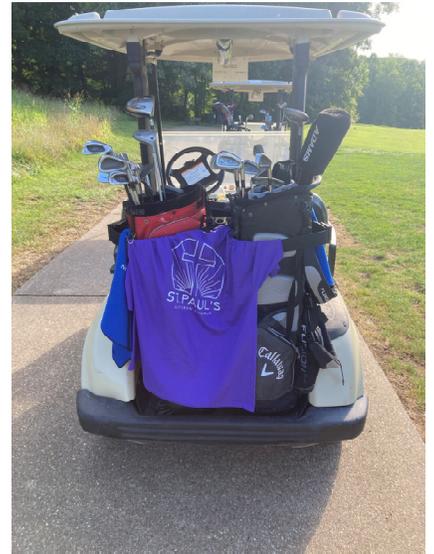


On Saturday, August 13, this 4-man scramble was held at the Golf Club of Wentzville.

Proceeds from the event support scholarships offered by the New Melle Chamber of Commerce and youth sports programs and New Melle Sports and Rec.

Playing with Pastor Fisher, were Jon Erickson, Pastor Chuck Schlie, and Drew Deppe.

Their team came in 3rd place for the B Tier. They experienced a couple of birdies and about 10 lost balls due to Pastor Maxx.



Invitation Men's Night Out with the Men from Messiah Wednesday, October 5 5:30 p.m.

ALL MEN OF ST. PAUL'S. You are cordially invited to attend this event. The purpose of the event is three-fold: To get to know each other, to share ideas for the future involvement of the men in our congregation, and to study the Word of God. Talk to Pastor Maxx, if you have questions or want to help with this event.



Ladies Retreat at St. John's Lutheran Church in Warrenton

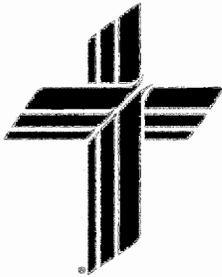
On Saturday, August 6, St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid hosted a "Ladies Retreat". Three St. Paul's Ladies Aid members, Carolyn Schwede, Jackie Eslinger, and Sherry Brandes, joined the group of about 45 women from all over the area. Rev. Morris Meseke, a retired pastor, led the opening devotion. Several motivational speakers encouraged everyone to incorporate gratitude and love of our Lord into our daily lives. There was a hymn sing, a light breakfast, a salad luncheon, and for those brave souls who chose to participate, there was "Painting with Amy" in the afternoon. We spent over two hours focusing on a painting that contained a beautiful flower and the Bible verse, "Be Still and Know that I am God" Psalm 46:10. It was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday!



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"A new command I give
you: Love one another."
John 13:34



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Ladies Aid Members Past and Present



It's a Quiz: How many of these 21 Ladies Aid Members can you name? Answers will appear in next month's newsletter. (*You can work together and ask for help...*)

More Snippets of Ladies Aid History (from meeting minutes)

September 1942—Old Communion set given to Troy Mission. Ladies Aid gave \$1 per month for the mission.

September 1949—Ladies Aid resolves to give \$1 per month to whom-ever pumps the organ.

September 3, 1953—There being no clock in the school house, a ballotvote was taken whether to buy one or not. Results—yes (16 votes), no—(4 votes), and 1 blank.

September 2, 1954—A motion was made and seconded that the Ladies Aid would server the supper for Wanda Schemmer's (*NOTE: now Greiwe*) wedding on Saturday, October 16.

September 1, 1955—Motion was made and seconded to let the community club use the glass plate, coffee urn, and electric roaster for the Fall Festival.

September 4, 1958—The pastor made a suggestion that we don not have red altar paraments and if we wanted to do something special for our centennial anniversary of the church, it would be nice to get some before that time. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to make a set and try and have them finished for the celebration. Mrs. Barry offered to send for some material samples. A committee was appointed to help with the sewing, namely Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Welge, Mrs. Bertha Schemmer, and Mrs. Brakensiek. Rev. Blemaster thanked the Ladies Aid for selecting and buying the shades and linoleum for the parsonage. He also thanked all the Ladies who helped in any way at the reception the evening of his installation. He stated that he, his family, and his friends had enjoyed and appreciated it all very much.