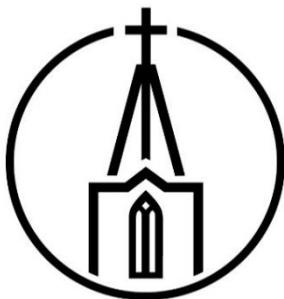


Saturday & Sunday, September 17 & 18, 2022
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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POOR*



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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We welcome you all to our worship service! We are gathered for the purpose of worshipping our God who showed His love for all people by sending His Son to die for our sins on the cross of Calvary. We're also gathered to strengthen our faith through using His means of Grace, the Gospel in Word and Sacrament!

There are LARGE PRINT copies of this bulletin on the counter in the narthex, please feel free to take one. Bathroom facilities are available both upstairs (across from the west car-port entrance) and in the basement.

If you have any questions about the school or the teachings of St. Paul's, which is part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please don't be afraid to contact Principal Aaron Markgraf about the school, or Pastor Paul Hirsch, whose numbers are listed on the back cover of this folder.

We invite our guests to come again and worship with us again. You are always welcome here in God's house!

Our Holy Communion Practice

Dear visitors and guests: You may be relieved to know that we do not want to impose our practice of Holy Communion on you. In fact, God's Word teaches that Communion is intended only for those who have been taught the Biblical truths and meaning of the Sacrament, and for those who have previously expressed their doctrinal unity (communion...common-union) with the congregation. This is what is meant by the scriptural practice of "close communion."

It wasn't too long ago that most Lutheran church bodies held to this practice, but now many have now abandoned it in the age of political correctness. We still appreciate it and retain it, and extend fellowship at the Lord's Table to the communicant members of our Wisconsin Synod and also those of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), with whom we are presently in doctrinal fellowship. If, as our guest today, you have not had the opportunity to explore or express your fellowship with us, please observe our Communion service today, and speak with our pastor later if you have questions. We'd be happy to spend time over an open Bible and explain why we do what we do as we try to faithfully follow Scripture.

TODAY'S SERVICE THEME...

We're reminded of the role of HUMILITY in a Christian's life. This means helpfulness and selfless concern trumps arrogance, conceit and vengeance.

Pastor's Greeting and Introduction

P: We begin in the name of the triune God. Let us worship the Lord our God!

C: We worship God the Father who made us and provides for us. We worship God the Son who redeemed us with His holy, precious blood. We worship God the Holy Spirit who creates and strengthens our faith.

P: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Praise the Lord!

C: Let us join together and praise our Lord's name!

Hymn #255, vss 1,2,5 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

We Confess Our Sins To God *Please stand!*

P: If I convince myself that I am "good" and deserving of heaven because I am so kind and decent, I am deceiving myself and I really don't know what God's Word says about sin and its consequences. When I confess and am sorry for all my sins, God is merciful and just, and will forgive all my sins. With this in mind, let's join together and admit our many sins before God, and ask Him to forgive us.

ALL: Almighty God, You love me, but there are many times when I haven't shown my love to You. You call me through Your Word, but I don't always listen. So often I'm not as concerned for the welfare of my neighbors as I am for my own. I have willingly gone along with evil temptations and made myself more important than You or my neighbor. Heavenly Father, help me be honest with myself and with You, so that I may repent of my sins and receive Your forgiveness; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

P: Let us privately and silently confess those sins of which we're aware, as well as the many we do not know.

(We silently and privately, pray and confess to God.)

Jesus says to His people: 'If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.' Jesus' death paid for the guilt of all our sins as well as the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus Christ, and by the same authority He gives to all Christians to forgive one another, I forgive you all your sins in His name. Rest assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life! Go in peace, knowing that your sins are forgiven, and now through faith, strive to eliminate those sins which you have just confessed!

ALL: O Lord, my God, I called to You for help and You answered me. I thank You for the love You have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through Him You have rescued me from the guilt and punishment of my sins, and also given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct my sinful life, and move me to serve You and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Responding to God's Grace "Gloria" melody of CW #5

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
 Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
 We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done
 Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

The Prayer of the Day Spoken together.

O loving Father, God of the universe, You have prepared blessings and joys for those who love You, which go beyond our understanding. As we study and hear Your Word, increase our love for You, so that, loving You above everything else, we may continue to receive your blessings and mercies, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Scripture Lesson Hebrews 13:1-6

The Christian properly channels his love by extending it to people and not to money.

¹ Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

We Publicly Declare Our Faith

P: Let us confess our faith in the true and living God.

ALL: I believe that the only true God is three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet one God. Any other so-called god is a man-made idol.

I believe that this triune God is completely responsible for my existence and salvation. My heavenly Father created me in my mother's womb and has blessed me richly in body and soul. He provides all that I need in this life, and still protects me by sending His angels to watch over me.

My Savior Jesus, the Son of God, took on human flesh, lived perfectly under the law and died shamefully on a cross, all that I might no longer belong to Satan but to God, and all that I might serve my Lord wholeheartedly for all my days.

The Holy Spirit brought me to faith and continues to strengthen my faith through the Gospel in Word and sacrament. He teaches me that my good works are to thank God for His blessings, not to earn them. He assures me of forgiveness, the resurrection of my body, and the bliss of heaven.

I believe that my life and my salvation are precious gifts from God, for which I can best thank Him by praising and obeying Him, loving my neighbor and sharing the Gospel with all people. I believe I can do these, and all things, through Christ who strengthens me. Amen.

The Second Scripture Lesson Luke 15:1-10

We have two parables reminding us of the importance and priority our Savior God has on re-finding even one soul that strays from saving faith!

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Hymn #476 “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”

The Sermon Proverbs 25:6,7

THE BENEFITS OF EATING HUMBLE PIE

- I. Jesus did it for us.
- II. Let’s do it to others.

⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the king’s presence, and do not claim a place among his great men; ⁷ it is better for him to say to you, “Come up here,” than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

The Offering Prayer, Hymn, and Presentation

If you haven’t already, please place your thank-offering in the plate located in the back of church. Scanning this QR code works too. Thanks for your generous gifts! God blesses a cheerful giver!

Let’s speak our offering prayer together.



Heavenly Father, thank You for blessing me with daily bread and so much more. Your word commands that I am to honor You with the first-fruits of my wealth. Accept our offerings as a gift of worship to You. Multiply and bless what we give for the growth of Your kingdom here in Nebraska and around the world. Bless us and keep us in Your grace. Amen.

#484 “Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”



I Broth-ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to
 God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor-ough,
 hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.
 All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our
 time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -
 vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.

Our Prayers

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.” For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the day of Your coming, we pray to You, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the president of our Wisconsin Synod, for the president of our Nebraska District, for all pastors and teachers, and for all the faithful people of God, we pray to You, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the mission of the Church, that it may faithfully preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to You, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who do not yet believe and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to You, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For a blessing on human labor and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to You, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the poor, the persecuted, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to You, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart and show forth your glory in all we do, we pray to You, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our enemies and those who wish us harm and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to You, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the beginning of another school-year, bless all students, parents and teachers in our community and at our own school, we pray to You, O Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy. Guard, guide and keep them in Your care. Amen. We ask for all of these things in Jesus' name, who has also taught us to pray...Our Father, who art in heaven...

The Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

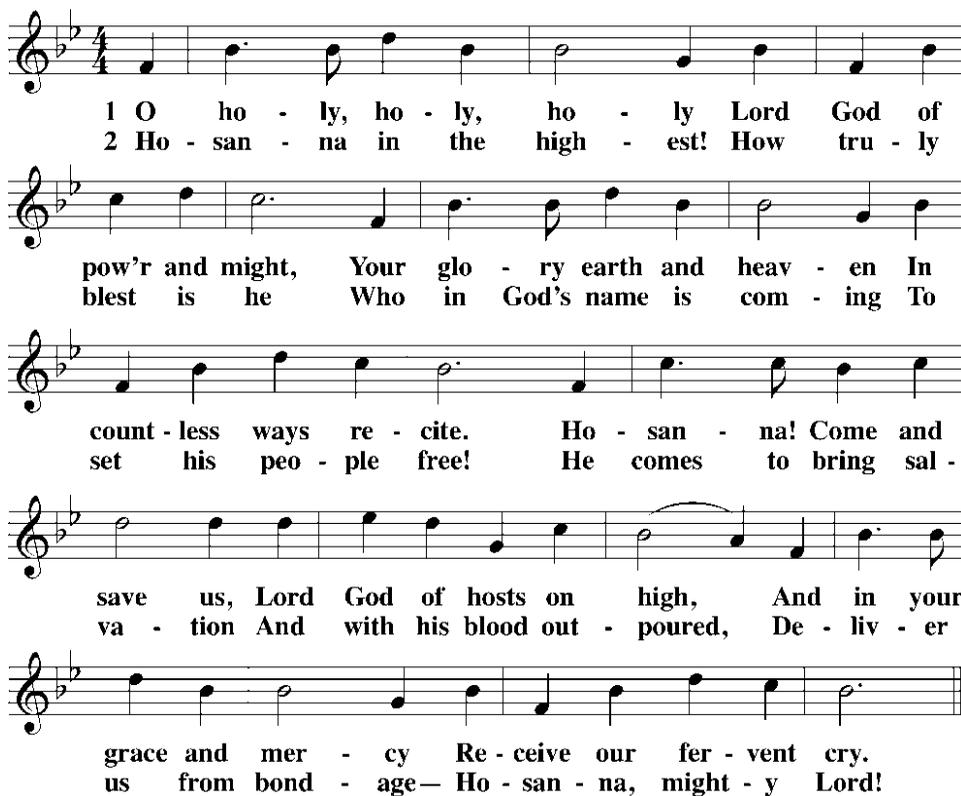
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (CW #474 melody)



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly

pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

Word of Institution Spoken together!

Matthew 26:26-28

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, *“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

May the peace of forgiveness we have through Jesus' body and blood always be with us! Amen.

The Distribution

For the distribution, please follow the direction of the usher to file forward single file. If you're sitting together as a family unit or couple in the pew, come forward in that single file, but feel free to join together as that same family unit or couple to receive the bread and then the wine together.

The Song of Simeon melody of CW #93



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,



All gloom where Gen - tles dwell; The bril - liant, crown - ing
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Closing Prayer (Spoken together)

Heavenly Father, thank You for blessing and strengthening me through Your Gospel in Word and sacrament. In the days ahead, help me remove the distractions that lead me away from the strength I've received here through Your Word and sacrament, and give me the opportunities and courage to share this Good News with those around me. In Jesus' name I ask for this. Amen.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn #290, vs 3 "One Thing's Needful"

Times to Formally Gather around the Gospel:

Saturday: 6:30 PM Worship Service
Sunday: 9:00 AM Worship Service & 10:15 AM Fellowship/Bible Class
Monday: 6:30 PM Sisters In Faith
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Bible Class (in church basement)

*The Sunday service is broadcast live every week on KNEN, 94.7 FM,
 and livestreamed via our website – stpls.com.
 These Sunday service video recordings are also archived on Youtube.*

Serving In the Lord's House Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Hirsch **Organist:** Mrs. Diane Herbolzheimer
Radio Broadcasters: Glynn Grebe **Video Tech:** Chad Moyer
Elder: Joel Wiedeman **Ushers:** Curt Dinkel & Randy Anderson
Power Point: Lisa Lindemann (Sat.), Reese Bachman (Sun.)

SERVING NEXT WEEK

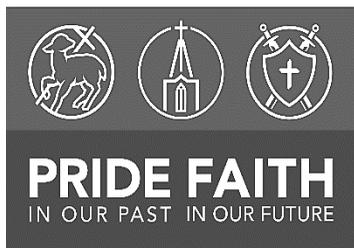
Elder: Curt Dinkel **Ushers:** Leon Sweigard & Zach Kruse
Power Point: Weinrichs (Sat.), Katrina Moyer (Sun.)

St Paul's Weekly Giving to the Lord - General Fund, September 10 & 11, 2022

Yearly Need	YTD Need	YTD Offerings	YTD Need vs Offerings	Last Week Received	Weekly Need	Difference
\$422,052.00	\$83,197.83	\$72,076.25	-\$11,121.58	\$6,275.00	\$5,965.63	\$309.37

Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM – 41; Sun. 9:00 AM – 158; **Total = 199**
 Sunday Bible Class – 40 Wednesday Bible Class – 12



Campaign Pledge Update

Total pledges as of 9/15	=	\$1,422,493
Total "cash" on hand	=	\$492,002

The **"Moving Forward Committee"** is scheduled to meet Monday, September 19, 6:00 PM. The committee is made up of Jim Herbolsheimer, Rick Meysenberg, John Uecker, Scott Uecker, Kristen Paul (who is continuing as our campaign assistant), Principal Aaron Markgraf and Pastor Paul Hirsch.

We had a successful meeting with our architect - Dave Medin - as well as Scott Miller (BC Builders) this last Sunday, September 11. It feels like we were very close to finalized plans based on their expertise and working through a few suggestions to see if things will work out. They told us they should need a couple of weeks to get plans finished and back to us. Hopefully, those are good to go and we can start working on some financial options to present to the congregation on **Sunday, October 23 (refer to announcement #1 below!!)**.

Announcements

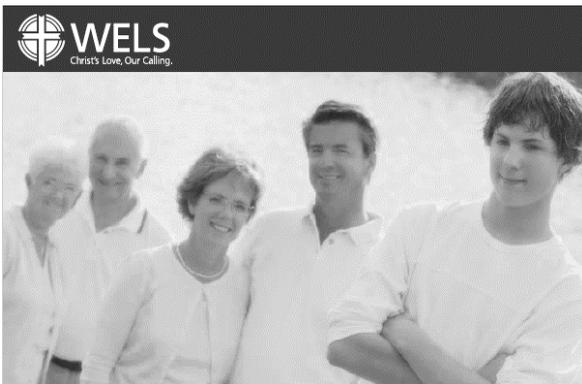
- 1) **Sunday, October 23 is going to be different!** Instead of having our worship service in the church, we're going to hold it in the school gym. The thinking is to highlight the improvements that have happened in the south hallway, as well as to keep in the forefronts of our minds our bigger school improvement picture. This Sunday we're also scheduled for a **CONGREGATIONAL/VOTERS' MEETING** to hear more information on school plans, and hopefully make some concrete decisions as to how we're moving forward with those plans. Any and all members are invited and encouraged to attend, but when the time comes for final decisions, we'll have the voters of the congregation take up that responsibility.
- 2) **EPIC Update** - We have officially collected 107 bags of shoes! Thank you to everyone who has supported our youth group by donating shoes over the last few weeks. We are still collecting shoes until September 17th, but that is the last day that we will be accepting shoes.

- 3) The **9th Annual Norfolk Area WELS Golf Classic** is Sunday, September 25 at Fairplay Golf Course in Norfolk, with a shot-gun start at 1:00 PM. We're looking for hole sponsorships of any amount, prize donations for golfers, and teams of golfers. Questions or donations can be brought to your pastor, principal, or Joanna Smith - jsmith@trinityinhoskins.com or 507-272-3841.

We have been asked to help provide some of the food for the event. There is a sign-up sheet at the communication center for anyone who is willing to help donate! Donations may be given to either Lisa Lindemann or Aaron Markgraf by Friday September 23rd.

- 4) **TRUNK or TREAT** It's been decided that we are going to take a break from hosting Trunk or Treat this year and put that effort into another event - possibly in the spring. This doesn't mean it will never happen again, just not this year! If you still want to support or contribute to a Trunk or Treat event this year, Immanuel in Hadar would love the help!
- 5) **JOINT AREA REFORMATION SERVICE** It's been mentioned several times how nice it would be to get back to doing this joint worship service thing again amongst the 5 area congregations, so **Wednesday, October 26 @ Trinity, Hoskins** is the plan set to do that. A meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 at the Hoskins Community Center, with the service starting at 7:00 PM. Pastor Zuberbier, the new guy at Shepherd of Peace, will be the preacher. More information will be coming as far as a joint adult/kids choir.
- 6) **Help at School Still Needed!** School started up this past Wednesday and we could still use some hot lunch volunteers. We need at least 3 for each day of the week. There are sign-ups in the communication center if you're willing. Speak with Aaron Markgraf if you have any questions!
- 7) **Sunday School is starting TODAY!! Sunday, September 18th.** All children aged 3 through 6th grade are encouraged to come! The children will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper blessing. They will head down to the church basement for a devotion, snack and craft. Parents are welcome to pick up their children after they are done with fellowship time.
- 8) The **Fall LWMS Rally** is Saturday, September 24 at Good Shepherd in Omaha. Registration starts at 8:30 AM. We will conclude with lunch around 12:30 PM. Dan Laitinen will be our guest speaker. He will be presenting on the TELL Network (Think, Evaluate, Learn, and Lead). It is a digital outreach effort to bring the gospel to English speakers around the world. The TELL Network has 1.2 million followers and likes on its main Facebook page and there are 7,000 active users worldwide working on self-led Bible lessons on the TELL app and website.

- 9) **Pack Away Hunger** - We have reserved 3 tables for Saturday, October 1st at 12 pm. Between those who have signed up and EPIC, we should have a good group going. If you are not able to attend, they are asking for donations to help cover the cost of shipping. There is a donation box by the Communication Center, or you can contact Lisa Lindemann at 920-663-1892.
- 10) St. Paul's is going to have an entry in the **Lion's Club Parade** this year (September 24). Might you contribute toward the effort by being part of the parade walkers, and/or by donating some candy to be handed out in the parade? Leave it on the church library table, or drop it off with Miss Lindemann at school.
- 11) **Adult Choir season has started up again!** Ever thought of joining our choir? This is the year to begin! Have you been with us in the past? You're welcome back! We sing a mix of contemporary and traditional music about once a month and a bit more often around Christmas and Lent. Can't make it to all practices or singing dates? No problem! We are happy to take people seasonally. Practices are held Wednesday evenings in the church balcony at 7:00 PM. The only experience needed is that you can sing a tune and have Jesus in your heart! Come and give it a try! Any questions? Please contact Mr. Brown. **Psalm 95:1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
- 12) **Flowers on the Altar** are in honor of Walter & Marian Tinius' 70th wedding anniversary given by their children.



Christian Estate Planning . . .

Is it for you?

Most people know they need to do some estate planning. Did you know that only one out of every three people has a will that reflects their values and plans? How do you want to provide for yourself, your loved ones, and Christ's work through your estate plan?

St. Paul's is sponsoring a Christian estate planning seminar to provide general principles and resources for estate planning.

Come and learn how your plan can reflect what's in your heart. You will also have an opportunity to schedule a private consultation with a WELS Christian giving counselor to have your questions answered. This is a service offered by our synod. It is confidential, and there is no cost to you.

Find answers to questions like these:

- What does God's Word tell us about faithful use of his blessings?
- Why is it so important for a Christian to have a will? What is a Christian preamble?
- Do I need a will if I have a living trust?
- Does a single person need an estate plan? Who will take care of things when I die?
- If both parents die, what happens to the minor children?
- How can I provide for my family? How much should I leave my children? How much is too much?
- How can I make an estate gift to my Lord for his gospel work?
- Can I reduce the costs of probate and taxes with an estate plan?
- Where do I begin? How much time will it take? How much will it cost?

This Christian estate planning seminar will be held here at St. Paul's on Sunday, October 16 after the service. We're combining the Fellowship time/opportunity with this down in the church basement.

Please plan to attend!



FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 9/18 = Worship Service with Communion, 9:00 AM
Sunday School, 10:15 AM
Fellowship, 10:15 AM

Monday, 9/19 = Sisters in Faith, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, 9/20 = Executive Council, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, 9/21 = Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM
Bible Class (Schlieve), 10:00 AM
Public School Confirmation Class, 2:15 PM

Saturday, 9/24 = LWMS Rally (Good Shepherd, Omaha)
Lion's Club Parade, 10:00 AM
Worship Service, 6:30 PM *Organist: Mrs. Alicia Moyer*

Sunday, 9/25 = Worship Service, 9:00 AM
Coffee / Bible Study, 10:15 AM
EPIC Bible Study, 3:00-4:00 PM
Fellowship Group, 6:00 PM

Church Cleaning Teams:

Sept. 18 & Sept. 25 – Team 6 (Kristin Bauer, Linda Jensen, Kelly Meysenburg, Daniel & Karen Pufahl, Barb Reeves, Carol Wachter, Veryle Winter)

Oct. 2 & Oct. 9 – Team 1 (Chad & Alicia Moyer, Kathy Janovec, Bill & Sue Ulrich)

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