St. Paul Lutheran Church
JULY 2025

Summer Gospel Concerts

July 6th: Jenni Thyng, North Branch, MN
Our first July performer this season is Jenni Thyng. She is a true patriot and shares her passion with all of her audiences. Her outstanding voice, good sense of humor and strong Christian values and beliefs, all makes her a strong singer. She is not afraid to share her testimony of her love to Jesus. Come and listen to her patriotic music.

July 13th: North Country Bluegrass, Pine City, MN
A group of five friends, all with different backgrounds and a love for music, got together and formed The North Country Bluegrass Band. Now ten years later, with sometimes with extra musicians, they meet regularly in a member's garage and their rules are to have fun and be kind.

July 20th: Northland MN Adult and Teen Challenge Choir, Duluth, MN
For more than ten years, the Minnesota Adult Teen Challenge has been restoring hope to teens and adults struggling with addiction. They are one of the largest, most effective and most affordable programs in the nation with campus around the state. Come and listen to them share their talents and stories of recovery. Please join the group after the concert for baked goodies, coffee, and fellowship.

July 27th: Just Friends Gospel, Richland, MN
Friends getting together and singing gospel music, that is what this group is all about. They share the testimony to the Lord. Come and listen to them as they uplift and bless us with their music.

Upcoming Events & News

Council Meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month; so the first meeting of the new council is July 1st at 7pm.

Quarterly Voter's Meeting is on Sunday July 20th.

There is **No Board of Fellowship** Meetings until September.

***'Epic Australian Adventure**; An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus'*
Vacation Bible School at St. John's Lutheran in Kroschel, July 21st thru July 25th
5:30 to 8pm with a closing program on July 25th at 7pm.
To register for VBS, call Tracy at 612-636-2624 or Annie at 320-279-2896.

Blessing of the Quilts!

Thank you ladies, for these beautiful creations!

Summer Time FUN at Sunday School!!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 2025

1st: Jacey Wickstrom
4th: Greg and Connie Odendahl
7th: Julie Maser
12th: Bryan Grewe
13th: Greg Kroschel
Ashton Gorsegner
15th: Brenda Chaffee
17th: Shelby Maser
Carol Robinson
18th: Michelle Morgan
19th: Jedidiah Lilienthal
20th: Greg and Wendy Kroschel
22nd: Margaret Busse
24th: Savannah Morgan
25th: Larry Marotz
29th: Trey Schroeder

If we missed anyone, please let Jennifer know!

Acolyte Schedule:
July 6th: Croix
July 13th: open
July 20th: Isla
July 27th: open

Ushers:
July: Isaac Maser and John Maser

Flower Chart:

July 6th: Hopkins Family
…….....in loving memory of Dave
July 13th: open
July 20th: Chuck Borchard
…….in loving memory of his mom
July 27th: open

Council Meeting Agenda
St. Paul Lutheran Church
June 1st, 2025

Call to order 7:00 PM
Open with Rod
Approve Agenda/Additions
Approve Minutes from April council Bill/ Star
Approve **Minutes** from May Council Meeting Rod/Matt

Approve **Treasurer's Report** Carol 1st/Toby 2nd
Checking 128,703.62, Savings 27,936.86, Fellowship/Youth 8140.00, Memorials 6402.65, Pastor Loan 20,000.00, Total Expense 159,863.60, Net Income -21,453,.92.
Rough Estimate for interior Repairs about 44,000.00

Pastor Rep N/A

Elders Report, Met with Jennifer Lett e tscto be mailed, Some stay, no forward address will be dropped as members (6/30/2025)

Trustee Report, mowing, finding nails from roof, Light out in Sanctuary Replace Sewer Cap

BOF Meet 6/2/2025

OLD BUSINESS
Dual Parish, Ratification and final vote. 18-14. Kroschel 27-1 Meet with Kroschel one more time anyone welcome to voice concerns go over paperwork.
Membership List
Shut ins Lois
City permit process. 1100.00cost for permit. Standard procedure for contractor to call for inspection. 5/2 Final Inspection, photos per code. 5/6 Flashing. Roofing, Buckled Shingle, Drip Edge, final inspection once completed. Reinspect Sign off by city. Interior finishing work, (blow in insulation, redo seams paint

NEW BUSINESS
New Member Path
July 6th Service no Pastor. Aaron will perform Lay Service
Secretary Job Description (22yers Old)
Other, Doors closed before Service, ushers will open once Service begins.

OTHER BUSINESS
Change Council Meeting to 1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Beginning July 2025
Adjourn 8:50 PM. Wendy 1st/David 2nd
Close with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Carol Robinson, Secretary

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – July 2025

Faithfulness: The Stewardship Standard

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2).
What is the standard to which a steward is held? Ask the average person, and they might talk about percentages, tithes, and commitments. Too often, the default mode of measuring stewards is by how much and how frequently they give. This is not helpful. Measuring activity without any connection to baptismal identity is a recipe for disaster. It can either breed a sense of superiority and self-righteousness or create a culture of scarcity and despair. Neither outcome is godly or helpful.
This is not to say that stewardship should be regarded as "no big deal." St. Paul, within his discussion of the ministry to which he has been called, sets the standard of accountability for the steward: faithfulness. This removes any sense of superiority or self-righteousness and dispels scarcity and despair. When a steward manages what the Lord has entrusted to them — resources and all aspects of life — for God's purposes, the focus is not on how much or how frequently they give.
This standard reflects the stewardship portrayed in the Gospels where Jesus entrusts varying amounts, each according to ability. The commended stewards were recognized for their faithfulness in their vocation, not the amounts they managed. Conversely, the condemned stewards were not castigated for their lack of performance but for their lack of faithfulness.
What does this mean for the steward in the pew? The Lord has entrusted you with various things. Luther captures them in his explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer. The familiar couplets of food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals and all possessions are the Lord's, and He has entrusted them to you for His purpose. This trust brings an active realization of thanksgiving.

This active thanksgiving is our stewardship. It can be distilled into two questions that the steward regularly needs to answer:

1. How has God blessed me? 2. How is He calling me to respond?

The first question is quite simple to answer: if the Lord has entrusted something to you, it is a blessing. This blessing is for God's glory and the benefit of your neighbor. The second question is more challenging to measure; it is not about percentages and charts. Instead, it is about a life of thanksgiving that flows from the mercies of God revealed in Jesus Christ. This thanksgiving starts at and flows from the cross and the empty tomb. Our stewardship of the Gospel drives our stewardship of everything else.
The standard, then, is faithfulness. Faithfulness flows from eyes focused on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. It does not come from our efforts but through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives, through Word and Sacrament. It begins at the altar in the Divine Service but extends into the world — from hearth and home to workplace and classroom, from commerce to leisure. The mercy of God, freely given in Jesus, leads us to demonstrate a faithfulness that reveals to others the same mercy we have received in Jesus.
This faithfulness cannot be measured empirically. It is simply allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us for the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbor. **Weekly. Daily. Faithfully.**

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Vacancy Pastor	**Church Secretary**	**Church Newsletter**	**Organists**
Pastor Walter Lehenbauer	Jennifer Kubesh	Jennifer Kubesh Cydelle Klande	Sue Hickle Connie Odendahl

Church Council
Meets 1st Tuesday each month at 7pm

Chairman:	John Frank
Vice Chair:	Matt Maser
Elders:	Rod Lawin
	David Berquist
	Toby Hickle
Trustees:	Jeff Rogneby
	Bill Morgan
	Greg Kroschel
Secretary:	Carol Robinson
Fin. Sec.:	Star Lawin
Treasurer:	Tracy Peterson

Stewardship
June 1st – June 21st, 2025

General Fund	$6,463
Missions	$5
TOTAL	**$6,468**

Sunday School: Grace Peterson and Tracy Peterson
Board of Fellowship: Jayne Maser
Youth Group: Rebecca Perrotti
Fellowship: Jayne Maser and Jennifer Kubesh

In case of an emergency, please contact Elder Rod Lawin at 320-372-0109

Ushers:
Isaac & John Maser

JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 7pm Council Mtg	2	3	4 	5
6 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Gospel Concerts	7	8	9	10	11	12
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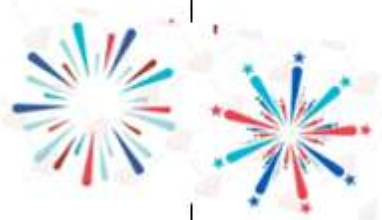
27 9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Gospel Concerts	28	29	30	31		

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