St. Paul Lutheran Church
OCTOBER 2026

"By grace you have been saved, through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

If Martin Luther is considered to be the greatest theologian of the Lutheran Church, Martin Chemnitz, "the Second Martin," is, without doubt, our second greatest Lutheran Father.

Born of a poor family in 1552, in Treuenbrietzen, Brandenburg, Germany, the youngest Of three children, he studied under both Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon at Wittenberg, then later returned to serve on the faculty there. He admitted later on that, though he heard Luther lecture often, he "did not pay Luther the attention he should have." Yet it was there that he began to understand the difference between law and gospel.

The latter part of the sixteenth century proved to be one of the greatest battlegrounds for the Lutheran church as it faced many opponents and controversies. At stake were the doctrines of the Lord's Supper and the Person of Christ. Clearly, Satan was hard at work trying to destroy the Gospel which Martin Luther had once brought to light.

It was in these turbulent times that God graced our church with the second Martin, who, using Scripture as his guide, followed in the footsteps of the first Martin and clarified the truth once again. The work for which he is best known was his part in drafting the "Formula of Concord," an authoritative Lutheran confession of faith.

Biblical, temperate, and scholarly, it has been said of him, "If the second Martin (Chemnitz) had not come, the first Martin (Luther) would not have stood."

Today, we too, by God's grace, have the privilege Of walking in the footsteps of Martin Luther. May we continue to believe, teach and confess the One through whom salvation has come—our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Bruce

Upcoming Events & News

Sunday School at 9:30am. All kiddos preschool through 6th grade are welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study is at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

GermanFest: *Friday October 9th*

Dinner served from 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Silent auction and bake sale during the meal. Pie auction at 5:30pm.

Looking for silent auction items, ideas, like a craft, homemade items, an antique, you can drop them off in the office. Don't forget about the bake sale, in need of cookies, brownies, bread, etc. And in need of homemade pies for the pie auction.

Please have silent auction and bake sale items at church by Friday Oct. 9th by 2pm, so we have time to get organized.

If you can help in anyway, like clearing tables during the meal or with cleanup, please let Jennifer or Jayne know. Thank You

Anything for the **November Newsletter** is due by Friday October 16th.

Harvest Christian School Fall Auction is Saturday October 17th, at 9am at the Sandstone Rider's Club. If anyone is interested in donating, please call Chris Nathan at 320-224-8929 with any questions or items to donate or consigned. Stop and check out their bake sale and box sale to support their next student trip to Washington DC.

Quarterly Voter's Meeting is Sunday October 18th after worship.

Save the date: Please join us on Sunday November 1st after service for a mission presentation from Pastor Lehenbauer. We will have Soup and Sandwiches for fellowship as well. If you have any questions, talk to Jayne.

Live Nativity: Spread the Good News, Live Nativity will be Sunday November 29th, plans are underway. Look in future newsletters and bulletins for more information.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st: Kain and Christeva Furey
2nd: Carolyn Vogler
Tony and Michelle Greuel
3rd: Nancy Williams
4th: Kelly Tocholke
Tianna Day
8th: Lucille Signore
9th: Jerry and Rebecca Perrotti
11th: Duane and Liz Klar
LB and Savannah Olson
12th: Matt and Jayne Maser
Shawn and Karissa Ausmus
John and Lizzie Maser
13th: Sue Hickle
Leah Ausmus
21st: John Frank
Cydelle Klande
Ronnie Brant
22nd: Doug Kottke
24th: Elliotte Signore
26th: Troy Peterson
28th: Bailey Gorsenger
Eddie Welch
31st: Barb Schroeder

If we missed anyone, please let Jennifer know!

Prayers:
Florence Benoit, Carolyn Olander, Mary Jarvis, Mona Klar, Janice Ladd, Margaret Busse

Flower Chart:

Oct 4th: Larry and Linda Marotz
Oct. 11th: Happy Anniversary Duane and Liz Klar
Oct. 18th:
Oct. 25th:

Ushers Schedule 2026

October: Tonette Peterson and Tracy Peterson
Nov: Doug Maser and Toby Hickle
Dec: Steve Marudas and John Gilbertson

Harvest all your blessings

"Give thanks to the lord for he is good, and his love endures forever."

Psalms 107:1

Creation Moments

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Just More Stories

"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."
- 2 Timothy 4:4

Parables are a good way to teach. Parables can even be a good way to teach science. However, parables cannot be used to establish scientific fact.

Unfortunately, Charles Darwin frequently used parables as part of his scientific method. Many modern evolutionists continue that tradition. Let's look at an example. Those who believe in evolution have tried to find an explanation for why some birds have luxurious, bright plumage. Does the peacock really need those brilliant tail feathers? Well, say evolutionists, females prefer the males with the most beautiful plumage. So, the brightest males had more babies. Evolutionists call this sexual selection.

What does the story prove? It doesn't prove anything in the scientific sense. It doesn't explain where the colors came from in the first place. It doesn't explain why females prefer showy males. Nor does it explain where peacocks originally came from. And it doesn't explain why some birds have very drab colors. This explanation simply begs the question. There is no good explanation for how sexual reproduction evolved in the first place.

So the evolutionists' story for how the peacock has such bright feathers is just a story--not scientific proof. And when it comes to stories, I prefer the stories reported in the Bible, because they have our Creator's own personal guarantee of truth.

Image: Peacock displaying its colorful feathers, Envato.

Scan the QR code after service to watch a related video!

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St Paul Lutheran Church
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026

1. Call to Order 7:02 PM
2. Opening Prayer by Rod Lawin
3. Approved Agenda/Additions
4. Approval of August 4 Council Meeting Minutes, with two corrections. David 1st Tracy 2nd
5. Treasurer Report: Checking/Savings 212,515.26, Memorials, Fellowship and Youth Group 13,386.38. Pastor Loan if Needed 20,000.00. Net Income -1838.08, Total Expense 91,172.09.
6. Pastor Report: Unavailable
7. Elder report: Unavailable
8. Trustee Report: Mowing going well, Tree down in back will be cut and removed from lawn. Spray weeds in Parking lot.
9. Other Committee Reports Unavailable
10. OLD BUSINESS: N/A
11. New BUSINESS:
    a. Sunday School, Yonna Tracy and Grace, every Sunday 9:30 AM-10:30 AM
    b. German fest, Signs, New signage (with 2nd Friday in October)
    c. Front Sidewalk repair, Work in Progress, Rod and Greg are working on this project.
    d. Budget needs to be completed by September Council meeting for review before Quarterly (Quarterly 3rd Sunday of month).
    e. Combined Meeting with Kroschel 10/26/2026
    f. Security System Trustees will follow up on missing signal.
    g. Church Service Times, Losing Perishers due to service times.
    h. Speakers in Fellowship Hall, a switch could possibly be turned off, will be checked out.
    i. Orange Envelopes
    j. Holiday Services
12. OTHER BUSINESS:
    a. Video Broadcast is going well, able to see who and how many are following the service.
13. Adjourn meeting 8:25 PM Aaron 1st David 2nd.
14. Close with Lord's Prayer

Attendance: John, Rod, David, Aaron, Tracy, Matt, Carol.

Submitted by Carol Robinson

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CHECK OUT THE LIVE SERVICE ON FACEBOOK!

***Like us on Facebook**! https://www.facebook.com/SPLCHINCKLEY*

*Check **Facebook** or **church website** for any updates on schedules for Worship Service and other events.*

Pastor	**Church Secretary**	**Church Newsletter**	**Organists**
Pastor Donald Bruce	Jennifer Kubesh	Jennifer Kubesh Cydelle Klande	Sue Hickle

Church Council
Meets 1st Tuesday each month at 7pm

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

Stewardship
Sept 1 – Sept 26

General Fund.....$6,208
Altar Flowers $25

TOTAL.....$6,233

Sunday School: Yonna Hickle
Board of Fellowship: Jayne Maser
Youth Group: TBD
Fellowship: Jayne Maser and Jennifer Kubesh

Ushers:
Tonette Peterson & Tracy Peterson

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 9:30 Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship 10:30am Worship	5	6 7pm Church Council	7 10:30am Bible Study	8	9 4:30pm GermanFest 	10
11 9:30 Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship 10:30am Worship w/ Communion	12	13 1pm BOF Mtg	14 10:30 am Bible Study	15	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 12pm Qtrly Voter's Mtg	19	20	21 10:30am Bible Study	22	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship 10:30am Worship w/ Communion Baptism	26	27	28 10:30am Bible Study	29	30	31

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