



# The Word “E-Edition”

## The Newsletter of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

### And help and serve my neighbor

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Dear friends in Christ!

The recent passing of our beloved Pastor Tews was a shocker to all of us. I don’t think any one of us thought, after the first news of his hospitalization, that he wouldn’t come home again! While this was definitely a time of sadness and heartache for Susan, his family, and his church family, can I say, it was also a time of great joy and gladness? Let me explain.

You, dear friends at St. Paul’s Lutheran, love one another very much. Your outpouring of sympathy and love and kindness shown to Susan and Pr. Tews’ daughters and sisters and family was a sight to behold. I had a chance to be in the midst of conversations and exchanges of people showing care and concern and true love for Pastor and for one another, and it was a joy and blessing to me.

This joy blossomed in a recent conversation I had with Christene Circo. You know, that Christine has been hospitalized and very sick recently and has been in our prayers. She was able to watch Pr. Tews’ funeral service online and then come to church for the first time in almost two months the next day. In a conversation in her home the next week she shared how meaningful it was to be able to view Pastor’s service online and be in Church the next day. She was overwhelmed by the love and concern of our church members who saw her in church when she was able to finally come and even had to scurry out because she was getting overwhelmed with tears of....joy! Yes! Though she has struggled greatly health wise recently, she shared how now, more than ever before, she understands true joy, if you will, the joy of the Gospel.

This has been a conversation I have been having recently as well as my dad has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. It seems that when things are going well, you have your health and earthly security, then joy seems like a result of our doing. But when things are difficult. When sickness, struggle and heartache comes, and joy is still present, that

my friends is the work of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! The Bible tells us many things and of the greatest messages is that we can still have joy, even in difficult times, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus won the victory for us over sin, death and hell. Jesus loves us and came to rescue us to heaven. Jesus cares about us even now and wants all to be saved. So, Paul could say, even in prison, “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice!” (Phil 4:4)

The title of our newsletter comes from the hymn, “Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart.” **HELP AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBOR.** This is what Jesus calls His disciples to do, with joy, as they follow Him where He leads. Even as Pr. Tew’s joyfully served among us, let us continue to serve one another with joy, even in the most difficult times. When I visited Christine, she shared a text with me that she sent to her family upon returning home from church. I thought it was wonderful. She told me, I could share it with you, and I’d like to do that now in conclusion.

*My family,  
I went to church today for the first time since May 25. I cried through the whole thing. Don't ever take for granted your ability to go to church, to worship and sing and **hold the hands of your brothers and sisters in Christ.** What a privilege! I couldn't sing the hymns (you don't realize how much of your diaphragm and abdominal muscles it takes to sing) and I couldn't stand at the appropriate times, but I heard our beautiful organ and a message from the pulpit meant just for me. I remember the days when I thought of church as a chore. I at least wished they'd move it to the afternoon! Now there is nothing I wouldn't give to go to the Lord's house and kneel at his altar every day. I still don't understand why, but I trust my God. I can see how he's changing me. I can see and feel his love. I hope you all can too. It's a love bigger than anything I've ever known and I can truly say that, "one day in the courts of our Lord is better than 1000 elsewhere," Psalm 84:10*

Rejoicing in the Lord with you, even amidst our sorrows, now and always! Pr. Sherrill

## Preserving the Church's Song Organ Project Update - It is Finished

Is it finished? Is it finished? How much more does Bedient have to do? Those are the questions you keep hearing these days, as we turn the page into August.

We have wonderful news to share if you have not already heard. On Friday afternoon, July 25, 2025, Pastor Frank received word from Ryan Luckey, President of The Bedient Organ Company, that St. Paul's Organ is now finished.

The Bedient team for the last few weeks has been tuning the mixture pipes in the Great Chamber Room. Each day Bedient was here one employee sat at the organ console setting the stops and then pressing a single key on the Great keyboard, while Ryan worked on that corresponding pipe by filing, tapping, trimming, folding, shaving, or enlarging the foot, mouth, tip, resonator. This can take a few minutes, a few hours, or all day, or even two days for each pipe. At the time of writing this article on 21 July 2025, Ryan has been working on the mixture pipes in the Great Chamber Room. For the last ten minutes the team has been working on one note. The employee keeps his finger pressed down on the key, while Ryan tests and removes the pipe. The drone of the note of G playing constantly from the Sanctuary. Hearing that is too soft, nope now too loud, even louder, no flat, now too sharp, is the valve leaking air, hold, how is that? Sounds better from here, wait, no back a turn, perfect. On to the next pipe and start over.

Almost after each work day, when the Bedient team leaves, you will hear foot steps coming down seven steps, from the upper Education Wing, past the baptism mural, turning right towards the Sanctuary. A decision is made, to take the short cut through the two Sacristy's or take the long way around through the media center into the Sanctuary. The lights are turned on for the Choir Loft, a pseudo Mr. Roger's change of walking shoes to playing shoes, a flip of the master power switch and getting seated on the organ bench. Kantor Frank, begins warming up on the organ. Testing what Bedient has worked on during the day. For a few hours each evening, Pastor Frank will play through songs using the pipes tuned during the day along with all the other working pipes and stops, to see how the entire organ sounds. He will record the songs, then use the playback option as he goes and sits throughout the Sanctuary listening to the songs, see if his keen ears detect any off notes, sounds, sticky notes, leaking air sounds, and report those back to Bedient for them to work on the next day. Each day Pastor Frank's smile grows bigger and bigger when you ask how is the organ.

On Thursday, July 24th, I stepped into the Sanctuary to hear Pastor playing the organ, and I stood all over. Amazing! I was taken back by hearing the voice of the organ

## Important Upcoming Dates

### August

August 5 - 8, 2025  
8:30am - 3:00pm Tuesday - Friday  
CTSFW - Continuing  
Education Class

August 20, 2025  
5:00pm Wednesday  
Christ Academy Parent  
Meeting

August 21, 2025  
3:00pm Dr. C's Sing-Along

August 23, 2025  
9:00am - 12:00pm SPLECC Forward Planning  
Meeting

### September

September 1, 2025 Labor Day  
Church Office Closed

September 3, 2025  
5:00pm - 7:00pm Christ Academy Begins

September 14, 2025  
4:00pm Sunday afternoon  
Organ Recital Dedication &  
Reception

September 22 - 23, 2025 IDW Pastors Conf  
Ft. Dodge, IA

September 27, 2025  
3:00pm - 7:00pm Saturday  
Oktober-Fun-Fest  
@ SPLECC

singing The Word of God. If you sit down front or standing waiting to receive The Lord's Supper, you will hear and feel the organ's voice.

**Save the date.** On Sunday, September 14, 2025, beginning at 4:00pm, St. Paul's will be hosting an Organ Recital Dedication Service. Timothy Schreiber, former St. Paul's member, Organ Committee, and current Dean of the Nebraska American Guild of Organist (AGO), will be the guest Organist for the recital. A reception will follow the recital. This will also be the start of a series of Organ Recitals over the next several months, Pastor Kantor Frank is scheduling.

In the interim, we always invite you to attend in person or listen live to our Sunday morning Divine Worship Services. Pastor Frank will always be trying a new combination of stops and ranks to work with a particular hymn. We will also try to get a few video or audio clips uploaded onto St. Paul's Facebook, Instagram, X, or YouTube accounts. On the following pages are a few pictures going back to March of last year showing the removal of the organ to the current look of the organ.

# **St. Paul's Lutheran Church & Music Conservatory 2025-2026 Music Series**

## **Pipe Organ Dedication Sunday, September 14, 2025 4:00pm**



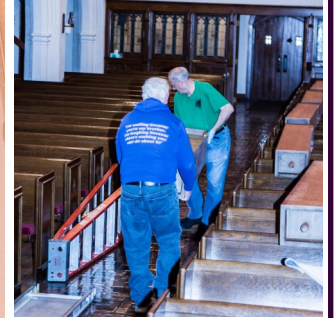
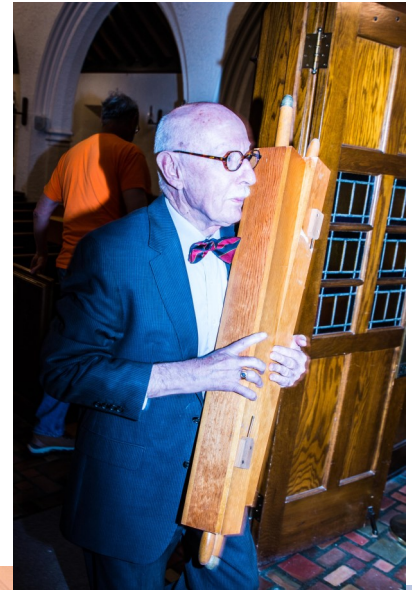
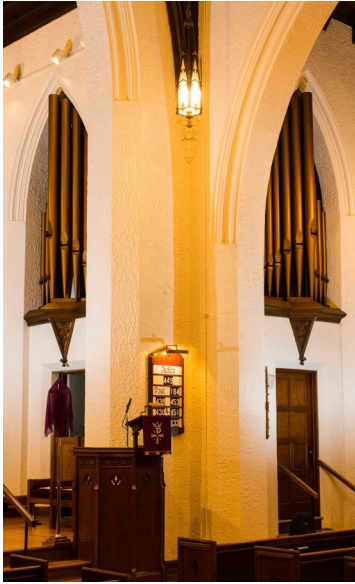
### **Timothy Schreiber, Organist**

**Program of varied repertoire highlighting the  
beauty of St. Paul's organ recently renovated by  
Bedient Pipe Organ Company**

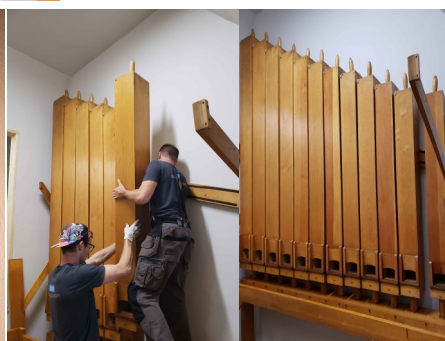
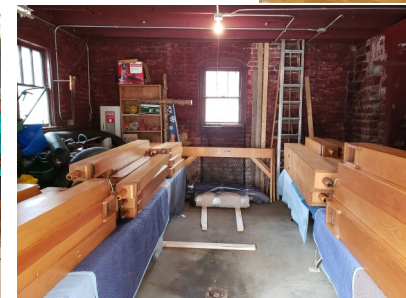
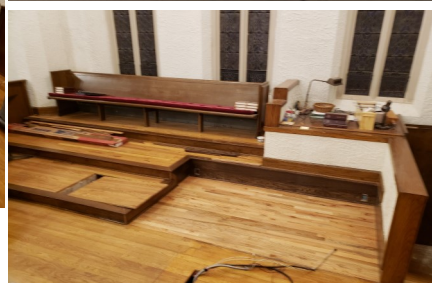
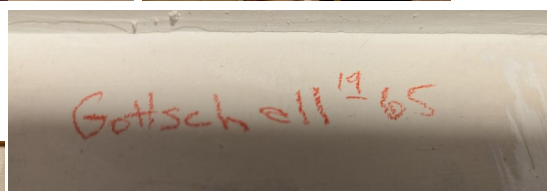
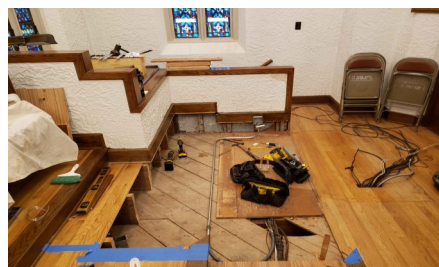
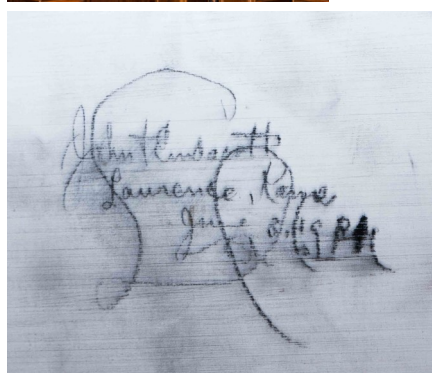
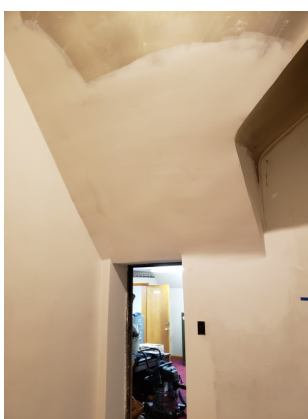
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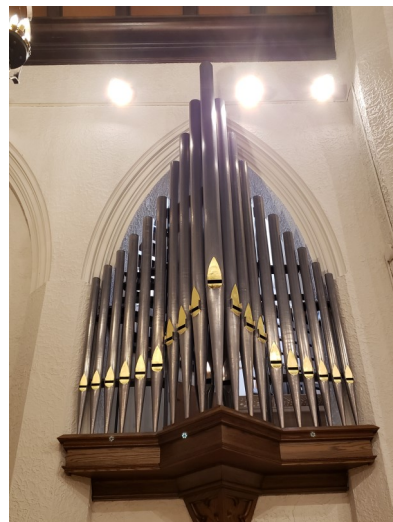
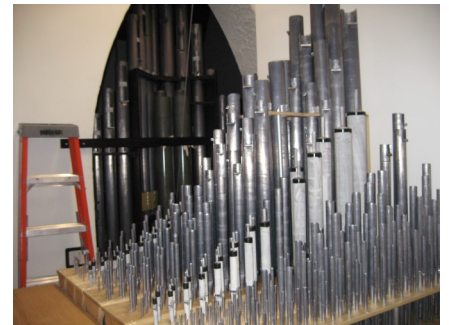
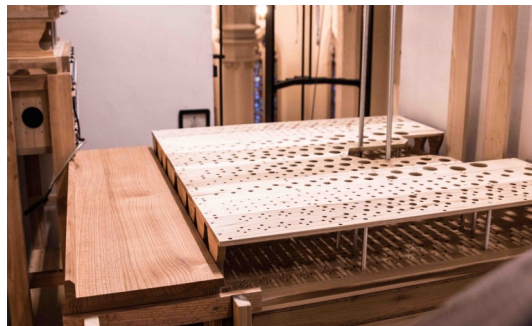
# Preserving the Church's Song Organ Project Removal



# Preserving the Church's Song Organ Project Removal, Remodel, Return



# Preserving the Church's Song Organ Project - Return, Installation, The New Façade, and Mixture Pipes



## Preserving the Church's Song Organ Project One Last Special Picture



On Monday afternoon, July 28, 2025, Pastor Frank brought Dr. C to St. Paul's to spend some quality time playing on the organ. Dr. C had a wonderful time on the bench. Thank you Pastor Frank for the picture and bringing Dr. C. to Church to practice on the organ.

# St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center —August News



(Coffee filter flower)



(Shaking, shaking and shaking the ice cream!)



(Homemade Pizza!)



(Solomon's Temple)

Students enjoyed another year of Camp Creation !!(Pictured below)  
We enjoyed Bible lessons with Pr. Tews, Science with Mrs. Frank, music with Sarah Ruth, Elizabeth and Mrs. Johnson as well as Mrs. Glennnda Hedlund. They also enjoyed plenty of running and bouncing with Mrs. Raymond. Thank you to all of our volunteers!



(Enjoying the cream of their labor.)

This summer we have the addition of our K-4th program. These children have the blessing of Miss Lydia Sherrill as their teacher. She kept them busy with offering many craft and building activities along with experiences like making and enjoying their own ice cream and pizza!  
We are grateful for our staff, who, like Miss Lydia, keep our children engaged and cared for, in a loving Christian environment.

Soli Deo Gloria!

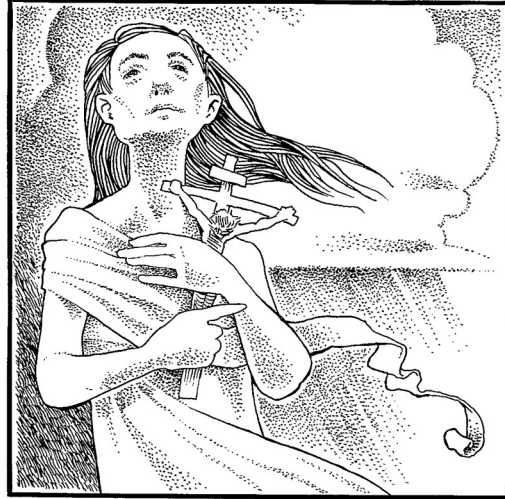


## Hymn of the Season

### Theme Hymn “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” (LSB 708)

- 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,  
With tender mercy cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share.  
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare  
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.  
Thou art the portion I have sought;  
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave  
My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place  
May glorify Thy lavish grace  
And help and serve my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
Let Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my cross and follow Thee.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.
- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me,  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.

Text: Public domain



Many young children have toys or treasures that they never want to lose. Perhaps it's a stuffed animal that they hold onto or a special gift from grandma or grandpa. As children grow older, the toys or treasures change, but the fear of losing these precious things remains. Even adults have things or people that they never want to be without. What are the earthly things in life that you treasure the most? No matter how strongly we cling to these earthly things, however, none of these things lasts forever. Even toys or treasures that you once treasured the most can get broken or lost.

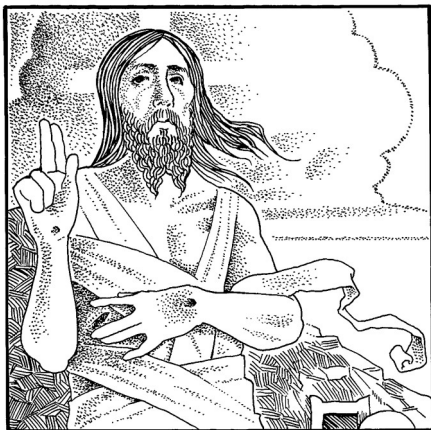
Look at the girl in the image. To what/whom is she clinging? Do any of the details in the image look familiar? Compare this image to the one of Jesus to the left.

This girl trusts firmly in Christ, the crucified and risen One, clinging to Him in faith. She knows that unlike anything else in life, Jesus, crucified and risen from the dead, lives forever. What similarities do you see between this image and the image of Jesus at His resurrection?

In life's storms (notice the wind and cloud), this girl clings to Jesus, praying that He would never depart from her. In death, she has hope, knowing that the burial cloths which could not hold Jesus will neither hold her.

This beautiful hymn by Pastor Martin Schalling is prayed by Christians at some of their most joyful and most difficult moments. It is sung at confirmations and weddings as believers in Christ confess Him as the foundation for the lives that await them. It is also sung at the bedsides of dying Christians or at funerals as the dying and grieving look forward to the life and Resurrection to come. In every situation, this hymn gives expression to faith which clings in confident hope to the One whom they will never have to do without!

Do you have a favorite hymn? How does it, like this hymn, confess your faith in Jesus?



## St. Paul's Lutheran Music Conservatory —August News

God's blessings to Mr. Jonathan Schulz, who is departing late this month to attend Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jonathan has been a joy to have with us this past year, teaching piano, organ, and violin. While we will miss him, he will remain a member at St. Paul's as he attends seminary, and we will look forward to having him come back and visit us. During his year with us, Jonathan also assisted with the music at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Omaha and Zion Lutheran Church in Omaha. If you wish to share cards or appreciation for Jonathan you may drop those off at the church office through August 24.



Introducing Mrs. Annika Buckley!

Mrs. Buckley has had a life full of music. At the age of eight, she began piano lessons and started organ lessons as a freshman in high school. Mrs. Buckley has served as a church organist for the past nine years and has enjoyed directing church choirs, accompanying highschool choirs and ensembles, and teaching the next generation of musicians. She currently serves as the Music Director at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE.

Mrs. Buckley received her bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska in Keyboard Performance where she studied organ and harpsichord under Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer. In 2025, she graduated with her MM from the University of Kansas in Church Music, organ emphasis, under Dr. Michael Bauer. During her university years, she participated in the university and chamber choirs and conducted the Bales Chorale Society.

Mrs. Buckley hopes to continue the growth of music for the next generation, spreading God's glory into the church and the home. In her free time she enjoys reading, baking bread, and playing board games with her husband.

## News from St. Paul's Property & Grounds

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the numerous flower beds and gardens around the St. Paul's and Nicolas Heights Parsonage. Work would include clearing weeds, and putting mulch down during the spring and summer months. In the fall trimming back plants for winter.


Volunteers are needed to help trim trees around St. Paul's and Parsonage. Work would include trimming trees along the walkways and sidewalks, trimming bushes around the ten commandments monument, and around the Parsonage.

Volunteer are needed to help pick up trash and broken branches around the St. Paul's property.


If you would like to help or volunteer, please contact Jeff Thomas, at 402-290-8655, or the Church Office at 712-322-4729.





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## St. Paul's Lutheran Church & St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood

Recently St. Paul's and SPLECC recently created accounts on  (formerly Twitter).

We will be sharing the same information across Facebook, Instagram, and .

If you currently use  you may begin following SPLECC at @splecc\_cb and St. Paul's @splccb.

SPLECC and St. Paul's are both verified accounts on . If you are not on  and would like to join , you may download the  app, create an account and then begin following. You may also go to x.com and create an account from your browser.

We recently updated the SPLECC and St. Paul's Facebook and Instagram sites to be Meta verified. When you go to the St. Paul's or SPLECC Facebook pages, you will now see a blue verified badge after the St. Paul's and SPLECC's name on Facebook.

SPLECC's Facebook link is: <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsCB/>

St. Paul's Facebook link is: <https://www.facebook.com/StPauls.LCMS.CB>

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## Altar Flower Update

If you would like to place flowers on the Altar for a special occasion (Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, In Memory of Loved Ones) the cost is \$40.00 to \$45.00 for two arrangements. Please contact the Church Office to order flowers to reserve a date. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's (on the memo line please note Altar Flowers).

If you would like to bring in arrangements in season from your own flower garden you are welcome to do so.

If no flowers are scheduled for a Sunday, artificial flower arrangements will be used.

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## St. Paul's Pictorial Directory Update

We are in the process of printing the Church Directories.

We are about a third of the way complete in printing. We should begin assembly of the directories in about two weeks, and hand out the last week in August if not sooner.

### Now for some facts:

132 Households provided a picture out of 254 Households or just below 52%.

22,419 sheets of paper were used to make the 141 initial Pictorial Directory Book

## It has been a busy summer for David's Harp!

### Major Events:

1. Iowa District West Convention: Pr. Frank was organist and Pr. Sherrill directed the convention choir. St. Paul's delegate Bill Kruse sang in the choir! Thank you Bill! Pr. Sherrill gave a short message to the delegates on David's Harp and showed a short video. Jim and Susan Holowach exhibited.
2. Nebraska District Convention: Pr. Sherrill exhibited.
3. LWML Convention: Pr. Frank was convention organist for 4,500 people!!! Pr. Sherrill exhibited.
4. David's Harp had a presence at 7 other conventions or conferences!

### Outcomes:

1. David's Harp has more conservatories prepping to open.
2. Many new and different contacts.
3. New projects.
4. Meetings, events, presentations being scheduled all throughout the year.

### Changes:

1. New President: Rev. Dr. Greg Truwe.
2. New Financial Secretary: Our own Karen Burns!
3. Trey Stickler is full time Director of Operations. Nicole his wife is part-time Administrative Assistant. Trey and Nicole will move back to Council Bluffs and rejoin St. Paul's!! Yay!
4. Isaac Sherrill has volunteered to help Trey with marketing and social media outreach.



Photo of Pastor Frank and Jonathan Schulz at the LWML convention.  
Permission granted by Erik Lundsford, LCMS.



Scan the QR code to visit  
David's Harp website for  
more information.



To the right, Pastors Sherrill  
and Frank with the Steenbocks and the outgoing and incoming IDW Presidents.

**Concordia Theological Seminary -  
Fort Wayne Continuing Education Class  
August 5 - 8, 2025, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**Get the Message  
Straight, Missouri.  
Get the Message Out, Missouri.**



St. Paul's will once again be hosting the CTSFW—Continuing Education Class during the first week in August. The class is titled **“Get the Message Straight, Missouri. Get the Message Out, Missouri”** - taught by Rev. Dr. Cameron MacKenzie.

### **Description:**

These words from the sainted A. L. Barry, president of the LCMS from 1992 to 2001, are a fundamental theme in the synod's self-understanding from the time of its founding to the present. This course, a brief summary of the synod's history, will test that theme by looking at significant personalities and critical moments that have marked the synodical story for more than 175 years.

### **Schedule:**

Tuesday, Aug 05, 2025–Friday, Aug 08, 2025

Class begins with Matins each day at 8:30 a.m.

The final day ends at 12:00 p.m.

Coffee and rolls are provided each morning and lunch is provided for free each day at noon.

### **This course is graciously sponsored by the Council Bluffs Circuit of Iowa District West.**

You may also call LeeAnna Rondot at (260) 452-2204 or email LeeAnna at [LeeAnna.Rondot@ctsfw.edu](mailto:LeeAnna.Rondot@ctsfw.edu) to register, or if you have any questions regarding the course.

We look forward to seeing you August 5 - August 8.

For more information and to register, please visit the following website:

<https://concordiatheologicalseminary3.my.site.com/s/continuing-education-detail?recordId=a1yUh000003RxBxIAK>

Or scan the QR code to go to the link to the right..





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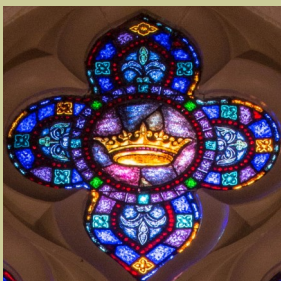
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**St. Paul's Congregation by the numbers**

YouTube Subscribers	184
Facebook Followers	956
Instagram Followers	12
Congregation Members	555
Households	252



**St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center by the numbers**

Students	47
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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Statistics  
June 2025 St. Paul's Dashboard**

June 2025 Attendance 8:00	521
June 2025 Attendance 10:45	439
June 2025 Attendance Seasonal Services	146
June 2025 Total In-Person Attendance	1,106
June 2025 Sunday Facebook Views	2,454
June 2025 Sunday YouTube Views	357
June 2025 Seasonal Facebook Views	1,000
June 2025 Seasonal YouTube Views	82
June 2025 Total Online Views	3,893
<b>Total June 2025</b>	<b>4,999</b>

St. Paul's	June 2025	2025 Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 37,433.42	\$ 284,275.66
Total Expenses	\$ 44,970.74	\$ 291,787.42
Income Less Expense	\$ 7,537.32	\$ 7,511.76

**St. Paul's Music Conservatory June  
Income & Expense\***

St. Paul's MC	June 2025	2025 Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 4,742.50	\$ 36,604.67
Total Expenses	\$ 3,675.97	\$ 31,790.67
Income Less Expense	\$ 1,066.53	\$ 4,814.00

**St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center  
June Income & Expense\***

SPLECC	June 2025	2025 Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 43,979.60	\$ 224,035.08
Total Expenses	\$ 50,462.08	\$ 260,164.63
Income Less Expense	\$ 6,482.48	\$ 36,129.55

\* This is a snapshot of the income and expense report to date.



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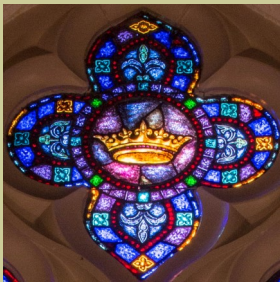
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**We're on the web**  
stpaulscouncilbluffs.org



St. Paul's Congregation  
by the numbers

YouTube Subscribers	195
Facebook Followers	993
Instagram Followers	12
X Followers	1
Congregation Members	562
Households	254



St. Paul's Lutheran Early  
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### St. Paul's Lutheran Church Statistics July 2025 St. Paul's Dashboard

July 2025 Attendance 8:00	384
July 2025 Attendance 10:45	327
July 2025 Attendance Seasonal Services	324
July 2025 Total In-Person Attendance	1,035
July 2025 Facebook Views	1,262
July 2025 YouTube Views	287
July 2025 Seasonal Facebook Views	1,300
July 2025 Seasonal YouTube Views	140
July 2025 Total Online Views	2,989
<b>Total July 2025</b>	<b>4,024</b>

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church July Income & Expense\*

St. Paul's	July 2025	2025 Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 34,751.92	\$ 310,847.57
Total Expenses	\$ 27,880.12	\$ 306,369.94
Income Less Expense	\$ 6,871.80	\$ 4,477.63

### St. Paul's Music Conservatory July Income & Expense\*

St. Paul's MC	July 2025	2025 Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 700.00	\$ 36854.67
Total Expenses	\$ 20.50	\$ 31804.66
Income Less Expense	\$ 679.50	\$ 5,050.01



### St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center July Income & Expense\*

SPLECC	July 2025	2025 Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 36,272.90	\$ 259,530.21
Total Expenses	\$ 33,154.81	\$ 294,418.27
Income Less Expense	\$ 6,871.80	<b>\$ 34,888.00</b>

\* This is a snapshot of the income and expense report to date.

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am Women's Bible Study
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 3</b> 8am Divine Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Divine Service	4	5 <b>6am Men's Bible Study</b> 8:30am Circuit Continuing Education Conference	6 8:30am Circuit Continuing Education Conference 9am Chapel @ SPLECC	7 8:30am Circuit Continuing Education Conference 9am Chapel @ SPLECC IDW Education Conf.	8 8:30am Circuit Continuing Education Conference IDW ECC Conference Des Moines	9
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 10</b> 8am Divine Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Divine Service 12pm Kort Baby Show-er - Fellowship Hall	11 5:30pm <b>Oktober-Fun-Fest Kickoff Meeting @ Church Lounge</b>	12 7pm Elder's Meeting	13 9am Chapel @ SPLECC	14 9am Chapel @ SPLECC 9:15am Parish & ECC Admin Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting	15	16
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 17</b> 8am Divine Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Divine Service	18	19 6:00pm Ushers Meeting in Church Sanctuary	20 9am Chapel @ SPLECC 5:30pm <b>Christ Academy-my Parents Meeting</b>	21 9am Chapel @ SPLECC 11:30am <b>Women's Bible Study</b> 3pm <b>Dr. C's Sing Along</b>	22	23 <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b> 9am SPLECC FWD Planning Meeting
<b>St Bartholomew 24</b> 8am Divine Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Divine Service	25	26	27 9am Chapel @ SPLECC	28 9am Chapel @ SPLECC	29	30
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 31</b> 8am Divine Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Divine Service	<b>Reminders:</b> <b>Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm Christ Academy Parents Meeting</b> <b>Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00pm Christ Academy 2025-2026 Begins</b> <b>Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oktober-Fun-Fest from 3:00pm to 7:00pm</b>					

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## St. Joshua Milk and Honey Challah

The imagery of milk and honey suggests rest and prosperity, which Israel certainly enjoyed under Joshua's guidance, and several recipes come to mind for how one can partake of these rich foods. Something as simple as a honey-sweetened milk, tea, or a latte is certainly fitting. Something more complex might be a bread such as the one we suggest that also ties in nicely to Israel's past. Challah has its origin in Jewish history as a nod to the loaves each tribe would set aside as an offering for the priests as commanded in the Torah. And it is enjoyed today by many on the Sabbath. It is filled with milk, eggs, and can be sweetened with honey or granulated sugar, so naturally we chose a honey option for the commemoration of St. Joshua.



### Prep Time

20 minutes

### Cook Time

1 hr

### Resting Time

1 hr 30 mins

Servings: 12 people

### Ingredients

• 1 ½ C warm milk	• 1 packet yeast	• ¼ C honey
• 2 eggs separated	• 1 tbsp water	• 4 tbsp butter melted
• 1 tsp salt	• 4 C flour	• 1 tbsp oil

### Instructions

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the dough hook, combine the warm milk and yeast until the yeast is activated. Then add the honey, butter, and one egg plus one egg yolk. Mix until combined. Whisk together the remaining egg white with one tablespoon of water and set aside for later.

To the wet ingredients, add in two cups of flour, mix, add in the salt, mix again, add remaining flour until a dough forms and continue mixing for 3-4 minutes.

Lightly oil your hands and remove the dough from the mixer to knead into a ball. It will be a sticky dough. Place dough in a greased bowl to rise until doubled.

Once doubled, punch dough down and divide it into two parts to braid. One part should be 2/3 the volume of the dough and the other part should be 1/3. Divide each of the two parts into three, roll them out into strands about a foot long, and braid them into one. Place the larger braid on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper and then place smaller braid on top of larger braid.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and let the dough rise once again while oven preheats, about 15-20 minutes. Brush egg white/water mixture over braid, top with sesame seeds if desired, and bake approximately 60 minutes until golden brown.

## Our Members in Action—Serving Others



St. Paul's Members: Greg Montgomery, Randy Milbrath, Pastor Sherrill, and Isaac Sherrill help Dave and Glenda Hedlund unload and move into their home in Council Bluffs.

Helping members move in is just one of many ways our members quietly serve each other. Christ taught by example and that principle is alive and well in the leadership of our congregation. Let us all give glory to our gracious God for such blessings and may He open in each of us eyes to see the needs of others and a willingness to step forward to help meet those needs.

## Additional Items of Note

### **Christ Academy Parent and Student Meeting, Wednesday, August 20th, beginning at 5:30pm at St. Paul's**

There will be a Christ Academy Parent and Student meeting, on Wednesday evening, August 20th, at 5:30pm to go over this years 2025-2026 Christ Academy Program. Those parents with children, who will be in grades 5-8 are invited to attend. You will also be receiving an email from Pastor Sherrill in the next two weeks with a reminder.

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### **Rally/Promotion Sunday is Sunday, August 31st**

This years 2025-2026 Rally Sunday will be Sunday morning, August 31st, beginning at 9:30am in the Church Undercroft. We look forward to seeing you Sunday morning, to meet your new Sunday School Teacher.

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### **Christ Academy Begins Wednesday, September 3, 2025, beginning at 5:00pm\***

It is that time again. St. Paul's 2025-2026 Christ Academy begins Wednesday, September 3, 2025, beginning at 5:00pm.

\*The schedule for Christ Academy is:

<b>4:30pm - 5:00pm</b>	<b>Cantate Domino Choir Practice -Sanctuary</b>
<b>5:00pm - 5:30pm</b>	<b>Evening Meal - Church Undercroft (Fellowship Hall)</b>
<b>5:30pm - 5:45pm</b>	<b>Opening Devotion (Church Sanctuary)</b>
<b>5:45pm - 7:00pm</b>	<b>Christ Academy Class &amp; Adult Class</b>

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### **St. Paul's Handbell Choir Practice**

St. Paul's Handbell Choir practice begins again every Monday evening, beginning September 8, 2025, at 6:00pm in the Church Sanctuary. If you would like to join the Hand bell Choir, please contact Pastor Frank for more information.

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### **St. Paul's Usher Meeting 2025-2026**

There will be an Usher Meeting for current and new Ushers on Tuesday, August 19th, beginning at 6:00pm. We will review the responsibilities for an Usher before, during and after each Worship Service. If you would like to be and Usher, please contact Bob Finke, or the Church Office.

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### **Baby Shower**

St. Paul's members are invited to a baby shower for Laura Kort on Sunday August 10th, at 2:00p.m in the fellowship hall. Laura is registered at <https://my.babylist.com/laura-kort>. Please RSVP to Brenda Wurdeman at 712-309-6760.

# St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# Oktober-Fun-Fest

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2024

3:00pm to 7:00pm

1500 N 16th St

Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Final touches are being done for this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Oktober-Fun-Fest**. More information to follow so check your emails, mailboxes, phone messages, and SPLECC & St. Paul's Social Media Pages for more information.

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