



Family'

"You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what He is building." Ephesians 2:19 MSG

Luke 15: The Prodigal Son

Welcome to St. Paul!

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.

~ 1-Thessalonians 1:2

Leader: God is good!

Congregation: All the time and I am a witness!

Opening Song“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Prayer

Welcome /Announcements

Psalm 116:5-7 (NIV)

⁵ The Lord is gracious and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

⁶ The Lord protects the unwary;

when I was brought low, He saved me.

⁷ Return to your rest, my soul,

for the Lord has been good to you.

Gospel ... Luke 15:11-32 (KJV)

¹¹ And He said, A certain man had two sons: ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. ¹³ And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

¹⁴ And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

¹⁶ And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. ¹⁷ And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, ¹⁹ And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

²⁰ And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. ²² But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: ²³ And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. ²⁵ Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. ²⁸ And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. ²⁹ And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: ³⁰ But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. ³¹ And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. ³² It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Children’s Message **Laurie Lentz**

Message **“The Prodigal Son”**

Worship Song **“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

Prayers / The Lord’s Prayer

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession & Words of Assurance

P: Most Merciful God,

C: I confess my sins to You. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have

not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.

Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Holy Communion

*Communion will be by continuous table for those who want to come up, others may take communion at their seat by individual cup available at the entrance. Cups at continuous table are filled with **wine (red)** or **grape juice (white)**.*

We welcome all believers in Jesus Christ who are baptized into Him. We usually commune children from fifth grade on. Other children will receive a blessing.

Distribution Music:“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

.....“Softly and Tenderly”

.....“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Closing Song **Doxology**

Benediction

A: Choose this day whom you will serve.

C: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Postlude

Serving Today

Message Kerry Turner
Ushers Pam Westbrook & Lynda Halbardier
Lector Joyce Krenmueller
Fellowship Dianne Bradley
Music Ministry Coordinator & Violinist Jeanette Rath
Pianist..... Rhiannon Smith
Guitarist Jody Jacobs & Ben Rath
Organist Grace Reed
Drummer Rick Brickles
Vocals..... Kathy Carrigan, Lynda Halbardier,
Jan Sprenger & David Hershberger

*The Sanctuary Lamp shines brightly as a reminder of the hope we have
in Jesus Christ and for all of our prodigals.*

Responsibilities – September 10th:

Sanctuary Lamp: Patt Farness **Flowers:** Patt Farness

Ushers: Stuart Franke & Dianne Bradley

Lector: Westley Halbardier

Acolytes: Ayelet Reus & Joseph Weimer (tentatively)

Fellowship: Paulette Pyron



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“And never stop praying.”

~ 1Thessalonians 5:17

Healing & Comfort:

Chris Porter, Bill Reus, Terrie Mumme, Buffie Rogge, Nora Luna, Patricia Welch, Mark Reus, Matthew Hook, Mario Salazar, Sharon Becksted, Jairus Bailon, Elaine Eccles, Tom Rothe, Ramiro Soliz, Dr. Ronald Balderach, Jose Gonzalez, Richard Lynch, Margaret Reus, Sandi Schweers, Martha Murphy, Addilyn Beard, Richard Lynch, Jean Krenmueller, Victor “Renee” Ortiz & Henry Nietenhoefer.

Homebound and Nursing Homes:

Brian Boehle, Marian Lindeburg, Gladys Feller, Kathy Feller, Cindy Sprenger, Elaine Eccles & Renie Knappe.

Active Military:

Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Adriel Schoenhals, Kelly Driskill, Rebecca Bryant, Patrick Green, Riley Lynch, Collin Bezely, Clayton Reed, Jimmy “Sawyer” Rhodes, Briana Jernigan, Kephren Adams, Kendle Adams, Les Armstrong, Ethan Kammer, Desiree (Warner) Pointer, Joshua Fair, Heath Runnels, Sean Constante & Jessie Philip.

Birthdays this Week:

George Brucks, David Jones, Patrick Weimer, Carol DeHaven, Terri Stewart & Ty Longoria

If you have someone that you would like to remove or add to our prayer list please contact the office. Also, if we’ve missed your birthday make sure we indeed have your birthday on file, we certainly don’t want to leave anyone out!

Come As You Are Worship Service 6pm

September 6th – Robin Green

September 13th – Shulee Norris

(PG -13 personal testimony)

September 20th - St. Paul Council

September 27th – OPEN

Prayer Ministry

Email– Don Krumrey: dkrum45@att.net

One – on – One Prayer – offered at the end of service

Contact: Don Krumrey (830-741-9991)

Shirley Krumrey (830-931-4311)

Kathy Carrigan (830-363-7510)

We offer a staffed nursery during our 9am Sunday Worship Service thru Sunday School Classes. Our nursery serves infant to pre-school age children.

Our nursery entrance is located on the northside of our Legacy of Life building. Follow the sidewalk behind the sanctuary which leads to that entrance.

I AM a
CHILD
OF GOD
JOHN 1:12

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, September 3rd

9:00am Worship
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 Sunday School

Monday, September 4th

LABOR DAY - Office Closed

6:00pm Women's Study
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 5th

7:00am Prayer Warriors
6:00pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, September 6th

9:30am Tacking Quilters
6:00pm CAYA Worship
*Youth following worship
7:00pm Bible Study (A/C)
David Hershberger

Thursday, September 7th

Office Closed
1:00 pm Hand Quilters

Friday, September 8th

Saturday, September 9th

Big Event Emmaus Gathering
City Park #1 (11am-1pm)

Sunday, September 10th

Grandparents Day
9:00am Worship
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 Sunday School
2:00pm Nursing Home

STPW

*St. Paul Women's gathering,
more details soon. Save the date:*

*October 7, 2023
11am-1pm*



We extend our condolences to Bill & Margaret Reus and family on the loss of Bill's brother-in-law Albert Rowlett. Our prayers are with you and your family.

We will be moving back into the sanctuary very soon. We will need a lot of help to place the pews in numerical order and make minor repairs while they are still in storage. The week following Labor Day we will need volunteers to help with the loading, unloading and fastening of those pews back into the sanctuary, moving chairs into the annex, and other odds and ends. Please contact Rod Prewitt or Wayne Scholtz if you are able to help in any of those areas.

NOTES _____

Reflections (taken from a recent National Day of Prayer email received by St. Paul)

Have you ever thought that you go to “worship” on Sunday and you go to “work” on Monday? According to God’s perspective we worship every day in many ways. The word “worship” in Psalm 2:11 is the Hebrew word “abad” and it means, “to labor, work, do work and serve,” and it is used 290 times in the Old Testament. Have you ever connected your work to worship? This is not just a reference to those who work in ministry or at a church, it is a referring to anything and everything that occupies our time and energy, thus the synonym for work, “occupation.” Whether you are a king, judge, waiter, preacher, accountant, teacher, military member, healthcare worker or domestic engineer also known as a stay-at-home parent, in all that you put your heart and hand to, God views it as worship that we should carry out with reverence and rejoicing. Your daily activities have Heavenly purpose. We have written to you before about how every moment of your life has meaning and mission. The Creator of life and time does not waste it, He invests it for His plans and purpose which includes the sanctification process of maturing us and completing and perfecting the good work He has begun in us. The problem with “perfecting” is that it can be painful. I pray that you spring out of bed before your alarm every morning eager and excited to get to work, but before you start feeling guilty about hitting the snooze button or feeling strained as you are being trained, remember that James 1:2-4 tells us that encountering various trials are a cause for us to consider it a joy with the knowledge that the testing of our faith produces stronger endurance and we must “let endurance have its perfect result, so we may be made perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” While we are at work, God is at work in and through us for our good and His glory. We must be careful that the dreams we had when we went to work do not become something daunting. We cannot surrender our joy in the name of a “job” but hold tight to our joy in the name of Jesus. The author of our days is worthy of our praise as we clock in and even get knocked down in the hard days at work. I am constantly reminding myself that I don’t “have to”, rather, “I get too”; it is a privilege to be able to go and grow at work knowing God does not want to kill us, but fill us with fruitfulness and glory. As you step into this Labor Day weekend we are praying that your “worship” will include time of rest, laughter, and memories that you will treasure. Will you please join us as we worship Him together in prayer?

Jesus, You are our Master, our King, and our Lord and we are Your servants, yet You call us friends. Heavenly Father, You are the everlasting Creator of all things that exist yet You call us Your beloved children. Every moment of our lives belongs to You and we desire to delight and glorify You in all we do. Help us remember as we work, rest, care for our family, friends, homes, and even learn, do homework, volunteer; in all we think, say and do, we worship. Guard our hearts from making an idol of work, not worshipping money, positions, or influence. We will endure trials, challenging bosses, hard work, disappointment, and co-workers knowing they are our opportunity to magnify You and Your faithfulness. Remind us that we get to walk out Your Word and love as You grow and perfect us in Your perfect love. May we always rejoice and worship You with reverence and endurance. In the wonderful and worthy name of Jesus we pray, Amen!

Serving Him with gladness,
Kathy Branzell, President