



From Pastor's Pen ...



“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” – James 4:8a

Time That Is Well Spent

People who love each other, not only enjoy each other's company but they look for ways to spend time with them. If you doubt that or have forgotten that, look at newlyweds. They're inseparable. There they are hand in hand doing everything together. Likewise look at little ones. The first day of preschool or kindergarten, they cling to a pant leg or a parent's hand like a vise grip. Yes, time together is how love comes together for people.

So how much time do you spend with the people you say you love? How much time do you spend with your Lord and Savior? It's easy to say, *“Oh, they know that I love them...we have an understanding.”* But who doesn't like to hear the words: *“I love you.”* Who doesn't treasure the time of those who make the time for them? Time, separate from everything else, is the life's most precious commodity. Once it's gone, it's gone. Simply put time is a non-renewable resource. We have to spend it wisely!

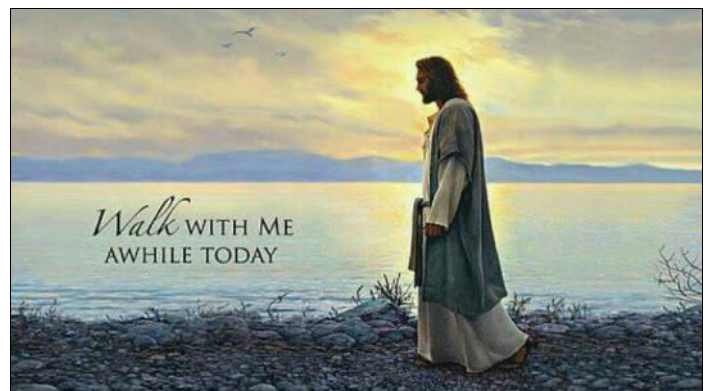
If that's true of relationships – it is doubly true about Christ the Savior. He loved you so much He was willing to become one of us. He loved you so much He was willing to spend His thirty plus years of His life on your behalf. Not only did He confine Himself to a physical body, entering our world of time and space; but Christ made us His priority. He lived His life on our behalf according to the Father's will and gave up His life

as a sacrifice because it was the only payment the Father would accept as payment for our sins. No wonder the Bible says: ***“We love Him because He first loved us.”*** (I John 4:19)

This love of Christ for us and in us through the working of the Holy Spirit, connects us to Him. He calls us His bride and desires that we be inseparable from Him (Hosea 2:20). He calls us His children and wants to clasp on to our hand tightly (Matthew 19:14) as He guides us through life. That is why we spend time together. He calls us to faith and maintains that faith connection in love through Word and Sacraments.

Does this time with Christ make a difference? Yes! Yes, it does! There is a wholeness and a completeness to our lives as a result of His love for us that is difficult sometimes to put into words. What a blessing to go through life day by day; your hand in His hand. Christ walks side by side with you assuring you that no matter what challenges you face, what mountains you have to climb, what trials or troubles await; you are not only wanted but loved. This treasure of our Savior so often taken for granted, so often neglected; is beyond price! How can we live life without Him?

So, yes...people who love one another make time to spend time with one another. Spend time with Christ! That is time well spent!



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Fall Schedule Around The Corner

Sunday, September 3, 2017 is the last Sunday for the summer schedule. The Fall Schedule begins on Sunday, September 10, 2017 with services at 7:45 & 10:30AM; with Sunday School at 9:15AM and Sunday Morning Bible Class at 9:30AM. September 10, 2017 is Sunday School Rally Day! Watch the bulletin and the September newsletter for more details.

Reformation Summer Bible

Reading Challenge

Beginning Sunday August 6, 2017 the boxes will be out so that you can hand in your July bookmarks for the Summer Reading Challenge. The boxes will be out for the July bookmarks until the 15th of August. You can still pick up a packet of bookmarks for the August challenge. Anyone can participate and there is Information Sheet explaining the challenge. Everyone will have an equal opportunity for the distinctly Lutheran prizes that will be held in September. Results are in for the month of June. They are as follows: Youth up to age 18: 44 chapters of the Bible read; Adults up to age 54: 179 chapters of the Bible read; and Seniors 55+: 703 chapters of the Bible read. Top 5 books of the Bible that were read in the month of June: Genesis, Job, Psalms, Matthew and Romans.



Donations for St. Paul Daycare

Your gifts and donations are needed to help our St. Paul Daycare continue to run a cost effective operation during the upcoming school year. Your gifts of cereal (all-kinds), all types of crackers, raisins, canned fruit, chex mix, pretzels, gold fish crackers will provide daily healthy snacks for our Daycare program. Also, if you would rather, you can just purchase a Walmart/Sams or Kwik Trip gift card from our Scrip program and that can be given to the Daycare to help put towards the purchase of the snacks and milk that are needed each week.



College Bound Students!

Just a reminder before you leave for college this month, please call the church office at 920-446-3251 or email (stpaulfremont@centurytel.net) with your college address and email. We will be happy to email or send you a copy of the monthly edition of the St. Paul Connection through out the coming school year. **Also if you need to find the name and address of the closest LCMS church to your campus; please talk to Pastor Pope.** Don't forget to take Jesus with you as you begin a new year of college!



First Days for Sunday School/ Catechism

The First Day for Sunday School (Rally Day) will be Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9:15AM and the First Day for Catechism Class will be Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:30PM. August bulletins and the September 2017 Newsletter will contain more information.

Oktoberfest Is Just Around The Corner... **Ways You Can Help**

St. Paul's Annual Oktoberfest will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2017, with one service being held at 10:30 AM and our traditional German pork dinner to follow. If you would like to help with the beginning preparations for this year's *Oktoberfest*, please look for a red envelope near the scrip table to help with *start-up costs*. Also it is encouraged that families of our congregation consider purchasing multiple tickets to hand out as a gift to friends and neighbors in our community (an outreach/evangelism tool). Please watch the bulletin, as well as September's edition of the *St. Paul Connection* for more announcements in ways that you can help with this year's *Oktoberfest*.

Tent Rent Raffle Tickets

With *Oktoberfest* at St. Paul just around the corner on October 1st; it is time to get organized for the event. Part of the organization includes the rental of the tent. Tickets for the *Oktoberfest Tent Rent Cash Raffle* will be available in the coming weeks. Tickets are \$5 each and proceeds will be used for the tent rental on that day. A drawing will take place in September.

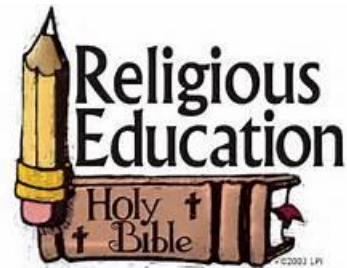


Fall Bible Sale

Getting into God's Word is a good thing for us as a congregation and as individuals. *Concordia Publishing House* in St. Louis, MO is once again offering its annual Fall Bible Sale through-out the months of August and September. New this year is special editions of the *Lutheran Study Bible (ESV)* to mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on October 31, 2017. It ends on September 30, 2017. Discounted prices for all of the Bibles offered by *Concordia* including the popular *Lutheran Study Bible* are featured with *savings up to 45%*. You can also go online at www.cph.org and click the tab for the Fall Bible Sale.

Sunday School Registration Through The Website

It's time to begin thinking about Sunday School for 2017-2018. Registration forms can be found **ON-LINE** this year! **Please look for the Sunday School Registration Tab on the St. Paul website: stpaulfremont.org. Please download it, print it, fill out the necessary information and drop it off at church.** Having a registration card helps in 2 areas! 1st, we can locate parents with a cell phone just in case there is sickness or accidents that occur; 2nd, it helps us plan for ordering of Sunday School materials. The cost of Sunday School materials continues to rise. The average yearly cost for our congregation is \$2500 through Concordia Publishing House. **We will only be ordering materials for those students who have registered.** Your help in filling out these registration cards is greatly appreciated.



You Can Help

The Sunday School Program can always use willing hearts and hands to help with this vital program of Children's ministry at St. Paul. Being a Sunday School teacher or substitute is not hard or difficult. There are quarterly meetings where Sunday School lessons and materials are presented. In addition the *Concordia Series* for our Sunday School provides a wealth of materials that can be used in presenting the lesson. In addition, we are flexible. Team teaching is a way in which you can teach without the commitment of every Sunday. Substitute teaching works the same as at school. If regular Sunday School teachers find themselves with a Sunday commitment, substitute teachers are called upon. If you could help either as a teacher or substitute, please contact Pastor Pope. Blessings await as you open ears and hearts to the message of God's love in Christ!



Hands-On Mission Opportunity!

For a number of years we have partnered with *Together In Mission* through Faith Lutheran Church to support a back to school back pack program for children in northern Mexico. We have collected soap for this distribution ministry. *Together In Mission* is pursuing new opportunities at the moment. That gives us the opportunity for new hands-on mission work. *International Children's Fund (ICF)* is a Christian humanitarian organization that was formed in Neenah, Wisconsin over 40 years ago. It began as one man's mission to help children around the world and is unique in its work because there is no bureaucracy, just dedicated people who are committed to making a difference in the lives of those who need it most. At the moment the work of this organization is to provide needed supplies for families and children in West Africa. It is called a "Shoe-Box Ministry" and provides Christmas joy to African Christians who at many times are being persecuted for the faith through Muslim insurgency. ICF works through a network of Christian African pastors to help with this Christmas distribution. All that this involves is taking a simple shoe box and filling it with items for either a boy or girl or family. Write on the top of the shoe box cover if it is for a boy/girl/family and put the cover on the box. A Christmas card or note of Christian encouragement can also be included. Items that are appreciated are school supplies, hygiene items as well as miscellaneous items (t-shirts, socks, hard candy). Boxes (unsealed) need to be brought to church by October 15, 2017 so that they can be delivered to the office in Neenah. Best of all, these shoe boxes will be shipped and delivered free of charge. ICF partners with container ships that have room in their vessels for this humanitarian work. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread the Gospel of Christ with our notes of encouragement and gifts to people who will gladly receive it. ICF's headquarters are; PO Box 583, Neenah, Wisconsin. They have a website www.icfaid.org. More information will be coming about this project in September's Newsletter.



3rd Annual St. Paul Lutheran Summer Family Film Festival!

The St. Paul Lutheran Board of Education in conjunction with St. Paul Lutheran Sunday School and Daycare Program is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Summer Family Film Festival on Friday, August 4, 2017 at Wolf River Crossing Park in Fremont. There is a page in the August newsletter explaining this event! Use it as an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors! The movie will be show on a giant 12X7 foot screen with a sound system. The event gets underway from 6-7PM with a Brat/Hot Dog Picnic at the Park; 7-8PM activities for the children and at 8:15 the movie starts. Please bring a comfortable lawn chair and bug spray (as needed). In the event of rain, the movie will be shown and as well as all the events in the shelter in the park.

Pastor David Horn

On Sunday, July 23, 2017 was our annual Worship Service at Wolf River Crossing Park and Pastor Dave Horn and his wife, Sabra presented a special service: *Luther Speaks*. Pastor David Horn is a LCMS pastor who has a musical ministry that he shares through-out the country. Pastor Horn was recently called to be a national missionary Pastor for the LCMS. If you would like to help support this unique ministry that reaches many people through-out our country; please consider making a donation today. We will be gathering a special offering for this work from Sunday, July 30th until Sunday, August 13th.

Preschool/Childcare Registration & Open House

Very shortly, the St. Paul Preschool/Daycare will have registration for the '17-'18 School year on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 from 3-7PM. This will also be Open House Night if you would like to take the time to tour classrooms as well as speak with teachers about our program. Children age 2 ½ - 11 can attend St. Paul's. For more information, please contact Sandy Smith, our Childcare Director at 920-407-1191



St. Paul's 3rd Annual Family Film Festival

Friday, August 4th, 2017

Presents – “Miracles from Heaven”



Miracles from Heaven- A little girl, her journey to Heaven and her amazing story of healing. When Christy discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna (Kylie Rogers) has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter's healing as she searches for a solution. As Christy searches she befriends Angela Bradford (Queen Latifah), who helps bring everyday joy and hope back to the Beam family. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family's faith restored and their community inspired.

6:00–7:00 PM - Brat/Hot Dog Picnic

7:00-8:00 PM - Activities

8:15 PM - Movie Starts

Location: Wolf River Crossing Park, Fremont

**EVERYONE is
Welcome!**



**** Please bring your own
lawn chairs or blankets &
bug spray
Event will be held in the
pavilion if it rains.**



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council
May 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Paul Krause at 6:29 pm.

Pastor opened with devotion.

Roll Call: Matthew Voigt, Bob Wendt, Sandy Smith, Pastor Pope, Phil Lewin, Paul Krause, Ken Rothe

Absent: Doug Ehrenberg, Bobbi Marks, Board of Education, Stewardship/Evangelism

Minutes: The minutes of the April 18th council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Rothe, seconded by Bob Wendt to approve. Motion Carried.

Treasurer: The April treasurers report was reviewed. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Ken Rothe to approve. Motion Carried.

Pastor: The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is this fall. October 29th is the day that we will celebrate. Pastor is proposing having a reformation walk. There will be 10 learning stations that groups will go to. For more information see cph.org/reformationwalk. Pastor would like each board or committee to take responsibility for setup of one of the stations. The idea would be to have one service and a meal in conjunction with this. Motion by Phil Lewin, seconded by Matthew Voigt to move forward in purchasing the materials for this project. Motion Carried. Sunday morning Bible study will start a Martin Luther study. There will be a PBS series coming out soon. The read the Bible event will be getting underway shortly. July 23rd we will have service in the park with Dave Horn. August 4th is the BOE Film Fest at the park. There will be a private wedding affirmation service for Eric and Michelle Berndt in June. July 22nd Paul Andrew Hartrick wedding. This coming Saturday is the Jan Mead memorial service at Lewin's.

Elders: Working on drafting a letter about the financial picture of our church. They discussed the gas/electric bill. We need to look into cost effective measures for the church. Can we achieve this by moving to LED lighting? We should look into photovoltaic cells on the south side of church. Phil submitted the bill for the flooring. The total bill was \$21678.20.

Trustees: The new drop box for contributions seems to fill up fast. This is likely due to the fact that all the Sunday School envelopes are still in the safe from the first of the year. It might be beneficial if they counted twice a year instead of once. There was some discussion about the scrip safe. A motion by Phil Lewin, seconded by Matthew Voigt to let Bob Wendt and Kim Delwiche work together to figure out the best placement for the scrip desk and safe. Motion Carried. Bob is wondering whether we should line the new ditch on the east side with stone. New gutters have been installed, the cost was \$1690.00. Cleaning people will be moving cleaning day to Friday. April's bill from them will be less due to the installation of the flooring and them not having to clean as much.

Board of Education: The childcare budget is doing well. Various field trips are planned for the upcoming summer at the childcare. We are currently only accepting full time childcare/non-school age children. Everything is booked for the August 4th film fest. We are looking for somebody new to lead the Sunday School kick off/rally day in September.

Stewardship/Evangelism: None Present. Pastor met with Michelle about new member welcome. She is working on name tags for greeters and ushers.

Old Business:

Redecorating: The flooring is completed and the bill was submitted earlier. Some design choices are in question. We are looking at putting up a new custom built display for the confirmation pictures in the Bible Study area where the big clock is.

New Business:

Computer: During the move the motherboard in Kim's computer fried. Because we couldn't be without a computer for days we purchased a new one. The one that went out was 13 months old and is still a very good computer. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Bob Wendt to send the computer to HP to have the motherboard replaced for a cost of \$300 and to have the computer on hand as a back-up in case of an emergency. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Bob Wendt to adjourn. We adjourned at 8:10 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted - Matthew Voigt - Secretary

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council
June 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ehrenberg at 6:30 pm.

Pastor opened with a devotion.

Roll: Matthew Voigt, Sandy Smith, Pastor Pope, Bob Wendt, Nancy Wendtland, Phil Lewin, Bobbi Marks, Scott Krause, Ken Rothe, Mark Peters, Paul Krause, Doug Ehrenberg

Absent: Stewardship/Evangelism

Minutes: The May minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott Krause, seconded by Phil Lewin to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer: The May treasurers report was reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Rothe, seconded by Paul Krause to approve. Motion carried.

Pastor: This Friday is the Berndt wedding affirmation here at church. The Reformation walk material is here. Upcoming events are as follows. Hartrick Wedding July 22nd, this is off site, Dave Horn service July 23rd, one service at 9:30, and Film Fest Aug 4th at the Park. The Kramer family would like to donate a bench in memory of Bob.

Elders: Discussed the Reformation walk and possible Luncheon. Elders don't like the idea of a pot luck and would rather have a catered meal. Phil is looking into this and getting prices. The elders discussed the utility bill that averages \$1100 a month. They are looking for ways to reduce this amount. Phil contacted somebody about LED Lighting. More information is needed before we move forward on this project. Elders discussed the formation of a Master Planning Committee.

Trustees: The biggest issue in this building is getting water away from it. We still have a water leak in the basement. We also need to fix the leak in the roof over the west staircase. Would it be possible to line the bottom of the ditch on the east side with stone?

Board of Education: Daycare is doing well. They discussed ways in which the daycare could help mitigate the utility bill of the church. August 4th is the Film Fest at the Park.

Stewardship/Evangelism: No Report, None Present.

Old Business:

Fellowship Redecorating: There was follow up with Scott Hanson about building the confirmation picture board. He has a picture of what we are looking for. Further follow up needs to be done so that he can get measurements. Nancy Wendtland asked why her banner spot was taken away from her in the narthex. She would like it back as it is only one of three areas she can hang banners. Scrip Safe needs to be secured. Doug would like it in the closet in the narthex. It needs to be higher up and there needs to be light so it is easier to open. Matthew is concerned about the bill from Julie Hansen. She submitted a bill for almost \$1900 for reupholstering three chairs and making some pillows. It was noted that procedure was not followed and that while she may have been in charge of the project she was never technically hired. The impression given was that she would be volunteering her time. Scott stated we should pay her like we would pay any other professional. Again it was noted she was not hired. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Scott Krause to pay Julie, Motion passed with the exception of Matthew Voigt.

New Business:

Master Planning: Discussed under Elders Report

LED Lighting Plan: Discussed under Elders Report

Generator/Well Pump: During our recent power outage it was noted that the generator was not running the well pump. Sandy thought that in the past it had. It would need to run it in order for the daycare to be open.

Network Cable: We are in need of a network cable run from Kim's office to the downstairs daycare area. We have installed another wireless access point in the building. Doug will talk to Tanner.

A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Scott Krause to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:46 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary



August 2 – Angel Estrada, Brandon Schmoldt

August 3 – Cindy Rohan

August 4 – Kevin Miller

August 5 – Landen Berrens, Beverly Johnson

August 6 – Brenda Kester

August 7 – Abigail Hansen, Kiley Larson,
Valorie Liebl

August 8 – Joe Ebert

August 9 – Carla Kester, Hailey Krause

August 11 – John Kobiske

August 12 – Margaret Kramer

August 13 – Jennifer Titus

August 14 – Abby Borremans, Duane Koplien,
Kendall Pomrening

August 16 – Lilliana Braun

August 19 – Debora Thorne

August 20 – Jordan Krause, Jason Pamerter
Tony Boettcher

August 21 – Kirk Delwiche, Riley Delwiche, John Meydam

August 22 – Cindy Kramer, Steve Oehlke

August 24 – Lauri Struck

August 26 – Michael Abraham, Taylor Kohl, Kori Toepke

August 27 – Pat Gorchals, Candace Mitchell
LeRoy Schroeder

August 31 – Robert Struck



August 3 – David & Rachel Baker

August 4 – Keith & Miranda Ziemba

August 5 – Jerry & Lorraine Zeichert

August 7 – Brandon & Josey Schmoldt
Chuck & Jodi Zeichert

August 10 – Robby & Hailee Struck

August 11 – Cindy & Dan Wheaton

August 13 – Harvey & Beverly Borchardt

August 19 – Joel & Jennifer Titus

August 25 – Peter & Barbara Farb

August 26 – Wes & Nikki Schroeder

August 27 – Joe & Michelle Ferg, Paul R. & Karen Hartrick
Michael & Kristen Hanten

August 30 – Dion & Nina Block

August 31 – Ken & Ellen Rothe



Serving the Lord ...

August 6 & 13

Greeters 1st – Glenn & Tara Pomrening Family

2nd – Tabby & Tristin Bucholtz

Ushers 1st – Ken & Ellen Rothe
Jim & Lauri Struck

2nd – Brandy & Quentin Borremans
Doug Ehrenberg, Terry Block

August 20 & 27

Greeters 1st – Gerry & Dawn Harris

2nd – Paul & Karen Hartrick

Ushers 1st – Gordon Puls, Bob Wendt
Jerry & Dawn Harris

2nd – Paul & Karen Hartrick
Bill & Candace Mitchell

ACOLYTES

August 6 – 1st – Ellie Pomrening
2nd – Madison Hansen

August 13 – 1st – Connor Delwiche
2nd – Luke Ehrenberg

August 20 – 1st – Blake Bartel
2nd – Evan Marquardt

August 27 – 1st – Emma Looker
2nd – Morgan Hansen

St. Paul Child Care-Preschool Newsletter

August 2017



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Telephone: 920-446-3633

Director: Sandra Smith (920-407-1191)

Teachers: Preschool - Nancy Bleck Little Learners - Nan Young School Age - Becca Mitchell

Child Care Teachers: Shelly Kohl, Jane Freer, Terry Fischer, Cindy Billington, Susan McGlin,
Lori Gabrielson, Tammy Yonke, Tammy Ebert

Child Care Assistant Teachers: Jordan Krause



Monday, July 31
Wednesday, August 2
Friday, August 4
Tuesday, August 8
Wednesday, August 9
Thursday, August 10
Tuesday, August 15
Wednesday, August 16
Thursday, August 24

Second Session of WF Summer School Starts
Neuschafer Library
St. Paul Family Film Festival - 6:00PM - Wolf River Crossings Park
Ceramics
Neuschafer Library-Will eat at the Library. NO LUNCH NEEDED
Trip to Hartman Creek **Cancelled**
Trip to Hatten Park-New London/Will eat lunch at WF
Registration/Open House 3PM-7PM
Older Children to Menominee Park in Oshkosh-Students will bring their own packed lunch.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

3PM-7PM

Parents will soon be receiving information on our 2017-2018 School Year. Open House/Registration will be held on Wednesday, August 16, from 3-7PM. We urge all parents to attend to ensure that your child is enrolled for next year. If you are unable to attend, stop in and see Ms Sandy or call her at 920-407-1191. All families are invited to bring a family picture that will be put on a Family Bulletin Board.

Our child care program is for children between the ages of 2 ½ and 11 and is open from 6AM-6PM. St. Paul Child Care/Preschool is licensed by The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) and is rated as 3 Star by Youngstar.

A Christian preschool program is offered from 8:30-12:00. The Preschool and Little Learners curriculum correlates with the *Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards*. *One in Christ* is the program used to help children learn the Bible. The program includes more than 200 Old and New Testament Bible stories and provides a comprehensive presentation of major Bible Stories.

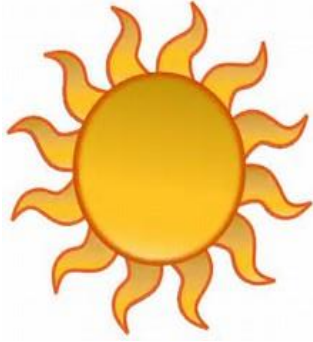
Parents of children coming to our Center just for Preschool or Little Learners may choose the days that they wish their children to attend. Children that attend our Center for Child Care will attend either the Preschool or Little Learners Program.

School Age children attend before school, after school and on days that schools are not in session. The Weyauwega-Fremont school bus transports children to Weyauwega Elementary, Fremont Elementary, and St. Peter Lutheran and transports them to St. Paul's Center in the afternoon.



St. Paul Lutheran Church

August 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:30 AM Worship w/HC	7	8 5:30 PM Board of Education 6:30 PM Elders Meeting	9 10:30 Bible Class	10	11 6:00PM St. Paul's Family Film Festival Wolf River Crossings Park	12
13 7:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Worship	14	15 6:00 PM Trustees 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	16 10:30 Bible Class 3-7PM St. Paul's Childcare Registration	17	18	19
20 7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:30 AM Worship w/HC	21	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 10:30 Bible Class	24	25	26
27 7:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Worship	28	29	30 10:30 Bible Class	31		