

# NEWSLETTER

## ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Bible Study



St. Paul's is offering ways to grow in your faith and love for Christ. Join us as we gather together for Bible Study to develop a deeper understanding of God's Word.

(920) 478-2570 Office  
StPaulsWaterlooWi@gmail.com

Office Hours: See Calendar

\*Hours are subject to change.  
Please call ahead to ensure that someone will be there to assist you. Thank you.

**Beer & Bible Study**  
Thursday May 5th & 19th  
5:30 PM-6:30 PM @ MT Bar

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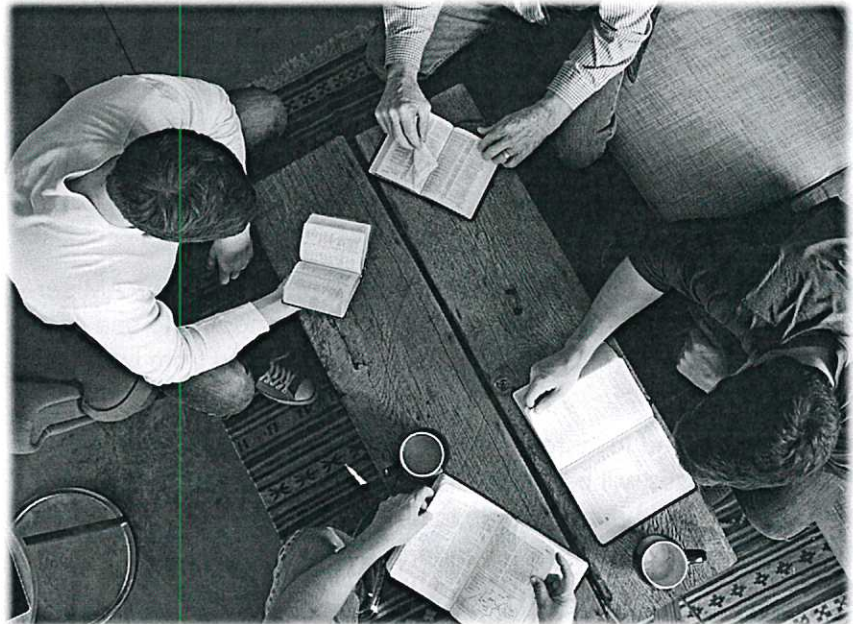
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# Inside St. Paul's

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS from April Meeting:

~The Council was pleased to welcome Pastor Tim Knipfer of Bristol Lutheran Church to serve as our guest Pastor on Sunday, April 24. We were pleased to see so many in attendance!

~All reports show that our income is up, and we've been keeping expenses down!

~The Joint Ministry Team hosted the members from Bristol Lutheran Church on April 19. The Team made final adjustments to the Survey that has been sent out to obtain congregation input regarding our potential Shared Pastor arrangement with Bristol Lutheran. The survey responses are due by May 12, and have been sent via email, and by paper to those who do not have email accounts. The next Team meeting will be May 3 at Bristol Lutheran.

~The Council approved a one-time bonus to Pastor Bob in sincere appreciation for all of the extra work he completed during the Lenten season, which was not required of him (we would have needed to hire a supply pastor, or not have some of the services!)

~We will be discussing with Pastor Bob the renewal term for his current contract, which expires near the end of May. We are trying to time this best with the potential start date of a shared Pastor - if that is the route the congregation chooses to take.

~Pastor Bob, along with Parish Secretary Debra MicMichael, will be representing St Paul's at the Synod Assembly on May 6 and 7 at The Kalahari. We have room for one more participant if anyone from the congregation wishes to attend. Contact Pastor Bob for details.

~The Council voted to continue to allow the Mutual Community Mission Group to continue its service to our community under the umbrella of St. Paul's. This group addresses food insecurity in the Waterloo Public School system during the summer months.

~The council will be continuing its task of updating our membership list.

~St. Paul's has long been a participant in the Waterloo Firemen's 4th of July Festival, using the opportunity to sell pie and ice cream as a fundraiser. Janelle Lauersdorf and Jill Oelke have agreed to co-organize this year's effort. We will scale it back to just pie and ice cream, and not serve Sloppy Joes.

~The Easter services were a success, with 72 people at the 7 AM service, and 90 people at the 9 AM service. It was wonderful to see so many faces, and we are hopeful that we are recovering from two years of uncertainty!

~The council agreed to increase the Parish Secretary hours to 20 per week, in-office. This will be crucial as we move toward finding a new Pastor, as there will be much to do to help that person acclimate. This 20-hours per week is being done under a 90-day review and will begin May 1.

## July Membership Changes:

Received: 0 (UC), 0 (C)

Removed: 0 (UC), 0 (C)

Total Members: 498

Confirmed: 429

Unconfirmed: 69

## Cell Phones During Services

Out of courtesy to others we kindly ask that all cell phones are **turned off** (not just muted) during worship in hopes that our streaming is not interrupted. Thank you for your understanding!

## \*Deadline for Newsletter\*

If you would like to make a contribution to the newsletter, please submit information to the office **no later than the 20th of the month**. Information submitted after this date may not go into the newsletter for that month.

StPaulsWaterlooWi@gmail.com

# May Birthday's

5/1 Cheryl Hollatz	5/14 Andrew Eilendfeldt	5/25 Rori Mattson
5/2 Jenny Adkins	5/15 Carol Eilenfeldt	5/26 Larry Silha Jr.
5/2 David Braunschweig	5/15 Matt McCunn	5/27 Jeremy Ellis
5/4 Eli Malueg	5/15 Karen Hartman	5/27 Reed Ellis
5/7 Jill Oelke	5/16 Sandy Travnick	5/27 Bill Hubacher
5/9 Randy Sharpe	5/18 Brady Malueg	5/28 Steve Woerpel
5/10 Garrett Mattson	5/20 Amber Beal	5/29 Susan Schimmel
5/10 Phyllis Vehlow	5/22 Theron Tetzloff	5/31 Susan Buss
5/12 Sandra Meltz	5/23 Rickey Abendroth	5/31 Juan Edwards
5/13 Jennifer Billings	5/24 Cameron Knapton	5/31 Barrett Steckman
5/13 Carl Hafenstein	5/24 Landon Lunda	5/31 Janet Kannenberg
5/13 Ted Rowbotham	5/24 Russell Pionkowski	

If your birthday is not listed; the omission is not intentional (please contact the church office with an update). We wish you a very Happy Birthday as well!

## **Weekly Services**

Sunday services are available weekly on Charter/Spectrum Cable Channel 992.

Past services can be viewed through our website and YouTube channel.

### Weekly Broadcast Schedule

Mondays– 8:30 pm

Tuesdays– 8:00 am & 5:00 pm

Wednesdays– 7:00 pm

Thursdays– 12:00 pm



## **Mobile Food Pantry Monday May 9th, 2022**

3:30 pm until all food is distributed at  
Marshall High School  
623 Madison St. Marshall, WI.  
It is open to people in the Marshall  
and Waterloo area who are in need  
of assistance.

**\*\*Due to Covid-19, protocols have  
changed. Please contact  
Second Harvest Foodbank of  
Southern Wisconsin for more  
information.**

## Attn: Members

### Advertise your business Here!!

St. Paul's is offering free advertising to members who own or manage a business. Your ad space will be based on number of ads and newsletter space available. Typically a 2x3 ad will be available.

We want members to recognize, and be aware of other members business' so we can all help strengthen and support each other.

Please contact the office 920-478-2570 for more information. You can also email your ad, business card or a basic one can be created for you. StPaulsWaterlooWi@gmail.com



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**New Online & Mobile Giving**  
**We are now using Vanco Mobile**  
**Here are the steps needed to**  
**donate once you download Vanco**

1. **Search for our church**  
**(St Pauls Ev Lutheran Church)**
2. **Select your fund and amount**
3. **Enter payment method**
4. **Choose if you want to cover**  
**processing fee**
5. **Complete your donation**



## Instrumental Worship

We look forward to having you as we worship this May and appreciate the many talents of our members whom the Lord has blessed us with.

If you would like to sing or play an instrument please contact Elizabeth Converse.

**COME**  
**WORSHIP**  
with us!



## Beer & Bible Study

If you are someone who is not likely to show up at a church for a Bible study - BUT you would be relaxed enough with a beer (or soda) in your hand to wander around in the book that Christians, Jews, and Muslims all claim speaks in God's own voice - I'd love to have you join us!

### THIS WILL BE:

A participant-led chance to talk about questions and doubts - without lectures or pep talks.

A participant-led chance to share the insights and wisdom of EVERY PERSON as they arise.

A Bible study meant to be an honest seeking together. There will be no experts. All will lead.

### TWO IMPORTANT NOTES:

"Beer" is meant to emphasize the informal style of this study.

Non-beer drinkers are welcome!

If you ARE someone likely to show up at church for Bible study - this is for you too. Come and check it out!

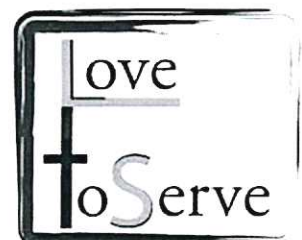
**Thursday  
May 5th & 19th  
MT's Bar  
120 Madison St. Waterloo, WI 53594**

Ushers, Lectors, Greeters, Communion Assistants, and Videographers needed. Please consider being of service in this manner at St. Paul's. Schedules can be flexible according to your needs. If interested please contact the office and let them know what position you are interested in.

Thank you in advance!



LOVE GROW SERVE



Waterloo American Legion

Dinners for 2022

**May 14th**– Grilled Pork Chop



Food Pantry

June is St. Paul's Month for volunteering at the food pantry. Esther Pratt will have a sign up sheet in the church starting in May. She is in need of 4 volunteers per a day. Thank you in advance for your service!



Parking Lot

The church parking lot will be resurfaced in May of this year at a cost of \$4400.00. If you are interested in helping with the cost of this project, please mark your donation for the parking lot. The Property Committee meets the first Sunday of the month at 8 AM. If you are interested please feel free to join us.

Free chalkboards

The church has two green chalkboards. Contact Dennis or Jean Buss if interested.  
Jean Cell # (920) 988-8707  
Call or Text



# Confirmation

The Confirmation service will be held at the 9 AM service on May 22nd for 9 of our St. Paul's youth . The following students will be confirmed:

Delaney Finkler

Cal Hush

Ryder Jaehnki

Cassidy Kidd

Chelsea Kidd

Brynlee Lauersdorf

Michaela Lewellin

Nevaeh Morales

Riley Schulenberg

There will be time for fellowship after the service. This will allow the congregation to greet these youth and also a time for picture taking.

# May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:00 Property Comm. Meeting 9:00 Communion Worship	<b>2</b> 9:00-12:00 Office	<b>3</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 9:30 Staff Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 6:30 Worship 7:00-8:00 Confirmation	<b>5</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 5:30 Beer and Bible Studay 7:30 AA	<b>6</b> 9:00-12:00 Office	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Worship Comm. Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00-12:00 Office	<b>10</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 9:30 Staff Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 6:30 Worship 7:00 - 8:00 Confirmation	<b>12</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 7:30 AA	<b>13</b> 9:00-12:00 Office	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:00-12:00 Office	<b>17</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 9:30 Staff Meeting	<b>18</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 6:30 Worship 7:00 - 8:00 Confirmation	<b>19</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 5:30 Beer and Bible Study 7:30 AA	<b>20</b> 9:00-12:00 Office	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 Communion Worship	<b>23</b> 9:00-12:00 Office	<b>24</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 9:30 Staff Meeting	<b>25</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 6:30 Worship 7:00 - 8:00 Confirmation	<b>26</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 7:30 AA	<b>27</b> 9:00-12:00 Office	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 Communion Worship	<b>30</b> 9:00-12:00 Office	<b>31</b> 9:00-12:00 Office 9:30 Staff Meeting				

Dear Friends at St. Paul's,

The great 20th century Christian writer, C.S. Lewis, wrote a classic book called *The Screwtape Letters*. It's a set of letters from Senior Demon, Screwtape, to Junior Tempter, Wormwood, with instructions on how to achieve the damnation of the human he has been assigned to as a sort of "guardian tempter" (the opposite of a "guardian angel".) It gives advice on various methods of undermining faith and of promoting sin in "the Patient",

The book is both cleverly funny and jaw-droppingly insightful. Written in Britain in 1942, World War II divided Britain over emotionally charged political disputes. Like America today, people tended to choose their side, hunker down, and defend their positions at all cost. Also, like America today, religious convictions had become justification for pre-conceived political stances. Screwtape writes this about the "patient":

Let him begin by treating his Patriotism or his Pacifism as a part of his religion. Then let him, under the influence of partisan spirit, come to regard it as the most important part. Then quietly and gradually nurse him on to the stage at which the religion becomes merely part of the "Cause," in which Christianity is valued chiefly because of the excellent arguments it can produce in favor of the British War Effort or of Pacifism... Once you have made the World an end, and faith a means, you have almost won your man.

Our faith must stand above everything else. It is not a component of anything else. Our political ideas flow from our faith, but mature faith knows they are only our human and imperfect attempts to let "your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Our faith needs to be the troublesome conscience of everything we do. If we never thought of our own politics (WHATEVER THEY MAY BE) while speaking the words of the confession: "we have sinned against you by what we have done and what we have left undone," then Screwtape and Wormwood have been having some success in their work with us.

"Good government" is one of many things Luther says is covered by the prayer "Give us this day our daily bread." Like our bread itself, good government comes with our participation in producing it. However, they both come from God as a gift.

As Christian people, we must bring our best to our politics, and then be humble, because the Gospel will critique all politics. And, while God says that bread can sometimes contain him, government cannot.

Peace,

Pr. Bob Moberg

## **Interim Pastor's Contact Information**

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*A Christ centered community striving to make our faith active in love to all!*

**\*\*Stay up-to-date on the latest news and announcements about the COVID-19 pandemic & Pastoral transition through Facebook and our website.**

**Worship Services Offered:**

Wednesday 6:30 P.M. In-Person Worship, except during June, July & August\*\*

Sunday 9:00 A.M. In-Person Communion Worship\*\*

Services will also be streamed via Facebook Live.

You can view our past services on Facebook, YouTube, and at [stpaulswaterloo.com](http://stpaulswaterloo.com).

**\*\*Please see calendar for updated worship services  
Due to Covid, services may go virtual at any time**

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