



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday, August 25

Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

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We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Bev Julien, Phyllis Jacobsen, Lee Eilers, JoAnn Garcia, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Shirley Graftaas, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Harold & Sandy Julifs, Lila Edeus, and Berta Beyer.

This morning we extend a welcome to Pastor Leo Patterson.

CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out)

CLEO meet monthly at 5:30 p.m. at a designated restaurant. The August outing on Monday, August 26 at Parkway in Sterling. If you are unable to attend because of bad weather or personal reasons, please join us the next month. If you need a ride or have any questions, please contact Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768. All are welcome!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

There will be Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. on August 28. All are welcome! You can join us at any time.

THANK YOU!

Beloved people of St. Paul,

We cannot thank you enough for being our church family. Thank you for the beautiful farewell celebration and the generous gifts of a stole, cross, and money. May God bless you as you have been a blessing to us. God be with you till we meet again!

Love,

Pastor Makayla, Jacob, and Simon

Journey with Jesus PRIZES!

Summer is almost over. If you kept track of how you Journeyed with Jesus and kept track of how you lived your faith according to the St. Paul Mission Statement, you can pick a prize from the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Write some examples from your summer on the poster boards so everyone can lean on each other's faith! Remember we always journey with Jesus. May we live Christ-centered lives so that we may love all, serve our community and share the word!

CALLING ALL YOUTH LEADERS!

Your help is needed.

- **CONFIRMATION:** We are looking for 2 adults to help supervise (not teach) Confirmation class. We need at least one adult each meeting. Confirmation meets every Sunday during the Sunday school hour and once a month with the Tri-Church congregations on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will also be a few Tri-Church events throughout the year that we need someone.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Teachers are desperately needed. Ideally we would want someone to teach at least on Sunday a month.
- **YOUTH SPECIAL EVENTS:** There will be Tri-Church & Synod youth events that we will need someone to help out with.

Please call or email Gabby if you can help out in anyway. She's had a lot put on her plate with the pastor's departure. 815-981-6470; gabby@stpaulsterling.com.

Please save the date, October 12, 2024 for a 50th Anniversary edition of Autumn Fest!

There will be activities for all ages! Please visit the Special Events tab under Events/Register on the LOMC website to register for lunch!

Children's Offering

The August Children's offering will go to towards the shipping of the LWR School Kits that have been collected.

Dear Congregation,

August 14, 2024

Pastor Makayla's last day at our congregation was August 13th. As we engage in the time of transition ahead of us, we ask that you read and reflect the information below. These agreements are important as we all move forward into the future. They reflect on the healthiest practice in Congregation ministry and will serve both us and our departing minister as we continue to be the body of Christ in this world. The Church Council and former Pastor have agreed to the following, and seek your cooperation, regarding the positive future relationships among us:

We will do everything possible to uphold the mission of the Church and the positive quality of life in this congregation.

We will recognize the need for time to adjust to the new relationships and will reach out in care and compassion to one another.

We will honor the departure of the former pastor so duties may be relinquished; and will honor the arrival of the new pastor by seeking her/his/their counsel and ministry. We are aware that conducting pastoral acts (such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, confirmations, communions) and defining ministry programs and leadership styles are no longer the option of the departing pastor, but belong to the arriving rostered minister with the Council and congregation.

Experience across the Church has shown that continuing relationships with former pastors is very positive when the above things are kept in mind.

In Christ,

Chad Arians
Church Council President

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 26

CLEO will meet Parkway in Sterling at 5:30 p.m.

Tri-Church meeting at Immanuel – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 27

Church office will be closed all day.

Wednesday, August 28

Adult Bible Study – 5:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, September 1

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Next week – September 1

Presider: Pastor Kathy Burkheimer

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Greg Zeigler

Acolytes – Platz family

Greeters/Ushers – Janie Billings, Diane Yoeckel

Reader – Greg Zeigler

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer needed*