



### Purpose Statement

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

### News for Sunday, September 8

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

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

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**This morning** we extend a welcome to Pastor Carol Soderholm.

**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, Sandy Julifs, Lila Edeus, and Berta Beyer.

#### **Pastor Makayla's farewell gift**

The stole that was purchased to give to Pastor Makayla finally has arrived. It will be on the back table of the sanctuary for you to see. It will be mailed to her on Monday.

#### **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](mailto:gabby@stpaulsterling.com).**

**The Northern Illinois Synod (NIS)** welcomes Pastor Seth Sululu, a pastor, musician, and professor at Makurmira University in Arusha, Tanzania. One of the unique things about these types of visits is that it is truly about partnership, companionship, and walking together as the body of Christ as we open God's story. The NIS is excited to welcome Pastor Seth Sululu. Please visit [www.nisynod.org/globalmission](http://www.nisynod.org/globalmission) for more information on NIS ministry partners. You are invited to Pastor Seth Sululu's presentation on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, (3301 Corbridge Ln,) in Rockford at 2:00 p.m. Please keep Pastor Sululu and the church throughout the world in your prayers.

**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 September Children's offering will go to World Hunger.

### THIS WEEK

#### **Monday, September 9**

Menz Group at St. John's – 6:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, September 11**

Adult Bible Study – 5:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday, September 12**

Congregation Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

#### **Next Sunday, September 15**

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday school begins – 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

#### **Next week – September 15**

Presider: Pastor Mark Luepke  
Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Chad Arians  
Acolytes – Arians family  
Greeters/Ushers – JoAnn & Ruben Garcia  
Reader – JoAnn Garcia  
Sound – Bradyn Arians