



St. Paul Weekly Newsletter for August 25th, 2024

IN THE DARK? There's an APP for That

Our text this Sunday is John 9:1-12 with Jesus encountering a blind man. Blindness was much more common in the ancient world, with no cures available. This fact, along with its symbolic nature, explains the sheer number of Biblical stories about blindness. This particular man, John tells us, has been blind from birth, which leads the disciples into a theological discussion about the origin of the man's suffering. They assume that there must be a connection between this man's suffering and either his own sin or the sin of his parents. Does this passage leave you in the dark about how God works? Join us this Sunday at 10am to learn the deeper truth in this passage and experience God's love and light in the midst of our darkness.

Last Sunday

Worship Attendance: 37

We need your help! Working towards our goal of 50 in worship weekly!

Updates for our faith family:

Please be aware that Pastor Dave has been called to serve for **jury duty** for the months of July and August. His ability to answer phone calls and to be available depends on if he is actively serving at the time. Please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible. This will also affect church office hours for July and August.

Construction has begun on our **roof project!** Please keep the workers and the project in your prayers. We will give an update on Sunday.

Sally Van Dyke's 90th birthday! Open house, Sunday, the 15th of September, from 2pm to 5pm, 1415 Zentner St. RSVP by 9/8/24 to Ruthie 612.812.3701 (text only).

National Banana Split Day This Sunday, August 25th after worship!

Please make a note that we are no longer receiving **email** from our GCI address. Please bookmark stpaulkodiak@gmail.com as our correct address.

Moments for Mission August 25, 2024

The Mission Committee of St Paul Lutheran Church recently met for discussion and distribution of mission funds for the 2nd Quarter of 2024.

The Olympic Games have created a lot of enjoyment recently for millions of Americans and others around the world. This world sporting event brought memories of a Christian organization which was founded in 1954 and continues to this day to support athletics, teams and coaches, the **Fellowship of Christian Athletics**. This interdenominational Christian sports ministry has at its mission to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. The Mission Committee designated the

amount of \$757.66 to Fellowship of Christian Athletic USA. These funds will assist programs within the FCA to continue to seek to make disciples through their strategy of engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ. If you wish more information on their programs, camps, and outreach note more information on their website accessed by their name Fellowship of Christian Athletics.

The international portion of this quarter's mission funds resulted in a bit of investigation. The LCMC website noted the importance of the faith-based organization Marion Medical Mission. St. Paul will be sending this international organization \$757.66 for use "where the need is greatest." MMM is the abbreviation for the **Marion Medical Mission**, which finds its headquarters in Marion, Illinois. MMM's mission is to share the love of Jesus by providing safe, clean, sustainable sources of drinking water to the extreme poor in sub-Saharan Africa. This work sharing the hands of God began in 1985 and more information is available at their website mmwater.org. Their logo notes Christ's Love, Clean Water, and Community! This is the first time Marion Medical Mission has received mission funds from St. Paul Lutheran Church. Praise God for keeping the lights on, being blessed daily and being able to bless others in the name of Jesus Christ.

This Week at St. Paul

Friday, August 23rd

5:30pm – **LifeGroup adult Bible study** in the "Lounge Room" in Springhill Hall. All are welcome members and friends of St. Paul.

6:30pm – **AA meeting** in the Fireside Room.

Saturday, August 24th

Pray for our Sunday worship services.

Pray for who you will invite to attend church with you.

Sunday, August 25th

10:00am – **Worship**. We worship in Springhill Hall; use the side door that faces the church building.

11:00am – **Fellowship** - National Banana Split Day – enjoy a banana after worship.

11:15am -- **LifeGroup adult Bible study**.

Wednesday, August 28th

7:00am – **Prayer breakfast** in Springhill Hall. Gather to pray for our church, for our community, and for lifting up the needs of others. Anyone is welcome to cook! Setup for breakfast begins at 6:00.

For more information contact Bill Barker at whbarker40@gmail.com.

Friday, August 30th

5:30pm – **LifeGroup adult Bible study** in the "Lounge Room" in Springhill Hall. All are welcome members and friends of St. Paul.

6:30pm – **AA meeting** in the Fireside Room.

Special Fellowship Events – After worship

- ❖ August 25: National Banana Split Day
- ❖ September 15: National Cream-Filled Donut Day.
- ❖ September 29th: National Pancake Day

Ongoing Fellowship Opportunities

- ❖ Start your Sunday rest with fellowship time after Sunday worship.
- ❖ LifeGroup, our adult Bible study class, meets after worship. There is also a LifeGroup meeting on Fridays at 5:30; contact Pastor Dave for more information. LifeGroup study sheets are available.
- ❖ Early birds are welcome at our Wednesday prayer breakfasts in Springhill Hall. Breakfast is served at 7:00. Anybody is welcome to cook! For details, contact Bill Barker at whbarker40@gmail.com.
- ❖ If you want to join our book club, contact Lynn Devlin at jldevlin@gci.net. All are welcome.
- ❖ Volunteers are welcome to assist with worship services! Let Pastor Dave know or email the church office at stpaulkodiak@gmail.com.
- ❖ If you would like to provide flowers for the altar in celebration of a special time in your own or someone else's life or to mark a memorial, add your name to the flower chart on the wall or let Debbi Canavan know at dcanavan@gci.net.

Community Service

- ❖ St. Paul volunteers cook for the Kodiak Area Mentorship Program and the Brother Francis Shelter. To sign up or for more information, contact Karen Winkler at 907-942-1315 or karenwinkler2014@gmail.com.
- ❖ St. Paul's Kim Miller Fund provides fuel oil to households in need in partnership with Petro Marine Services. To make a tax-deductible donation to the Fund, make a contribution to St. Paul and include a note that it is for the Kim Miller Fund.

Spiritual Growth

- ❖ **LifeGroup**, our adult **Bible study** class, meets after worship and Fridays at 5:30pm.
- ❖ **Prayer Breakfast** meets Wednesday's at 7:00am (come at 6am to help cook).
- ❖ Christian faith is strengthened when we make it an "every day" practice that involves daily moments of reflection and listening for God. If you would like a suggested course of personal study and prayer during the week, see the handout "Daily Walk on the Rock" on the same table as the LifeGroup study sheets and bulletins.
- ❖ **Worshipping** weekly is something we get to do. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am and other special times.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please Pray for Health and Healing for...

Bill and Ann Barker and their son Erin	Those with addictions to alcohol and drugs
Kim Smead	The Hansen family
Amanda Barta	Rose and Mike Dolph
Emer Bajuclos	Jim Devlin
Joe and Mary Beth Symonoski	Bill Vogt and Karen Winkler
Linda Covert-Mosier	Baby Evie
Ross Omlid	The family and friends of Larry Ellsworth
Lena	Sharon
Denise York	The Vogel family
Ava	The Cuello family
The family of Sawyer Cipolla	Karin Stahlhut
Matthew	Chastity
Liane Dierich-Erwin	Amy & Eric

The family and friends of Lynn Bash
Jerry
Tim
George and Dria Holloway
Laurie Johnson
Greg Culver
Sue Devers
The family of Darlene Wilson
Pat Scheider
Tony
Pastor Don

The family and friends of Charlotte Ferris
Peace in the Middle East
Judy Starrett
George Lare and his family
Kyle Hannah
All fishermen and other seafarers
and the Coast Guard
Irelynn
Sherry Ball

If you would like to add or remove any name for prayer concerns, please contact the Church at the number and email given below or fill out a prayer request form in the church office.

Front Office Hours

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

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MESSAGE NOTES:

There's an APP for that! _____ ?

IS GOD _____ WITH YOU?

Have you ever had a really bad day and wondered what you did wrong that made God choose to _____ you?

"Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own _____ or his parents' sins?" John 9:2 NLT

Jesus said, "You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame. There is no such _____ - _____ here. Look instead for what God can do.
John 9:3 MSG

"Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for _____. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert." Isaiah 35:5-6

But this story has a deeper meaning. It's not just about physical blindness. It's about a deeper blindness, blindness to who _____ really is.

Every day, all around us, are people who smile, but beneath the surface are living in guilt and shame and fear that God is _____ with them.