

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



Church Newsletter September 2026

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Dear Members of St. Paul's:

When was the last time you considered the Prophet Jonah? Like Noah is known for the Ark and Animals 2-by-2, Jonah is primarily associated with the Big Fish... or Whale... or however you'd like to translate **ⲁⲧ**

However, consider this thought from Dr. Luther:

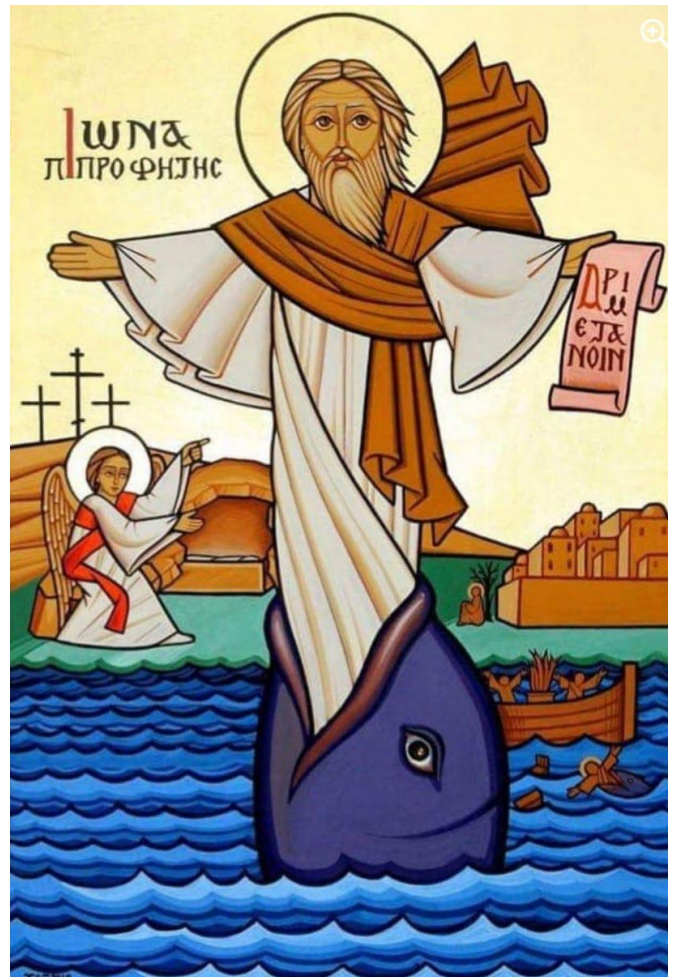
"We are taught in this account how powerful, active, and effective God's Word is. It cannot be preached in vain so that it fails to produce, and that in plain sight. If we will think about this account in terms of the power and effect of the Word, the story becomes wonderful and full of comfort. Otherwise it seems an insignificant story. Is not the power of this preaching truly great which within three or four days has converted that very powerful nation with the result that it drives the king and all the inhabitants into ashes, repentant for the sin that was revealed by the Word?" (Luther's Works Vol. 19, CPH, 1974.)

Beginning on **Sunday, September 20th**, you are invited and encouraged to join us as we begin studying the Book of Jonah. Why should you join us? Over the course of this Bible Study, you will:

- Learn How and When Jonah is situated in Actual History
- Learn How Jonah's Story Applies to our Walk as Christians
- Learn How the Book of Jonah is Connected to the Rest of Scripture
- Learn How to Understand Jonah Christologically- How Jonah Relates to Jesus

I look forward to seeing you there! Encourage one another to attend and invite others to join you!

- Pastor Steele





September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Tie the Knot 1pm MAP Testing	2 Chapel Service-8:15 Confirmation Parent Meet- ing/Orientation 6:00 pm Vespers Ser- vice 7:00 PM	3 MAP Testing	4 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm	5
6 Worship Ser- vice 8:30am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am	7 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	8 MAP Testing	9 Chapel Service-8:15 Confirmation Class Begins 5:30 pm Vespers Ser- vice 7:00 PM	10 Ladies Bible Study Resumes 9:00 am MAP Testing	11 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm	12
13 Communion Service 8:30am Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Study Resumes 9:45am	14 Ladies Cir- cle/LWML 12:00 Noon School Board 5:00	15 Tie the Knot 1pm	16 Chapel Service-8:15 Confirmation 5:30 pm Vespers Ser- vice 7:00 PM	17 Rendezvous Parade Ladies Bible Study 9:00 am	18 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm	19
20 Worship Ser- vice 8:30am Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Study 9:45 am	21 BOARD MEETINGS	22	23 NO SCHOOL- STAFF TRAIN- ING Confirmation 5:30 pm Vespers Ser- vice 7:00 PM	24 Ladies Bible Study 9:00 am	25 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm	26
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR						



The Bulletin Board

Sunday School, Teen Bible Class, and Adult Bible Class will begin on Sept. 13

Sunday school is for children ages 3 thru 10 yrs old, and will meet in the library of the school.

Teen Bible class for grades 6 thru 12 will meet in the parlor of the school. (Teens on the first meeting will be discussing what topics you would like to study.) We will also talk about other activities that we can do for fun and fellowship. So come with ideas for us to plan.

Adults your Bible class will be held in the back of the church. -Rick Bradley

The school PTL is making plans for their annual Fall Carnival and would like two Thrivent cards to help offset the cost. If you have a Thrivent Action Team Card available, please call the church office and speak to Madie.

Beginning September 2nd, 2026 our Wednesday evening Vespers service will be moving to 7:00 PM.

Confirmation Class Begins Soon

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9, at 5:30 PM.

A brief orientation session for confirmands and their parents will be held on Wednesday, September 2, at 6:00 PM in the back of the church.

If you plan to have your child participate in Confirmation this year, please notify the church office so we can plan accordingly. Confirmation is open to all students in third grade and older.

Board Meetings

September 14th

✓ School Board

September 21st

✓ Elders

✓ Council

✓ Trustees

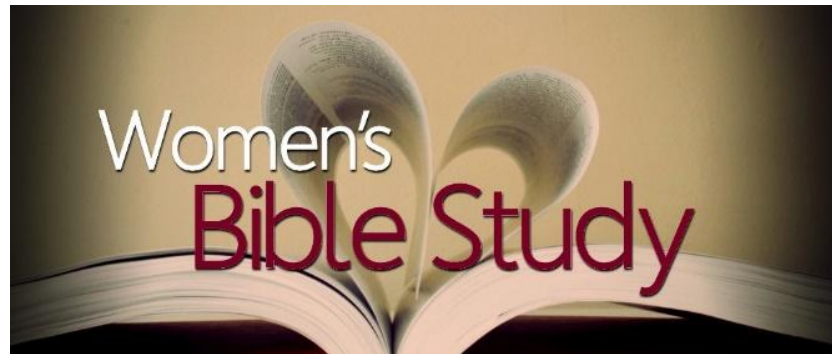
There is one more special 100th Anniversary celebration service planned. It will be held on Sunday, October 4. Pastor Bader will be the guest preacher. Sunday, October 4 is also our annual Oktoberfest event. Church will begin at 10:00 am and the brat dinner will begin at 11:00 am. Pastor Stubenrouch has gotten the polka band together so we will have live music.

Lots of helpers are needed to put on such a big event so please call Kathy Schultz to find out what you can do. **REMEMBER CHURCH WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 AM ON OCTOBER 4.**

-Questions? please contact Rick Bradley with the Anniversary Committee

Women's Bible Study-September 10, 2026 9:00 AM in the Parlor

Finally Free, Three Lessons in the Parable of the Prodigal Son by Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller is our next Bible study. The devil calls out to us from his prison, claiming freedom is found doing whatever we want. We listen and as a result, we are enslaved to sin, believing pleasure is the highest good and the pursuit of pleasure is the best life. Each of us can use three inclinations and each is a form of slavery. Our dear Lord, Jesus Christ, desires to set us free from each of them. The cost of the Bible study book is \$5.00. See JoAnn Bradley for your copy. Please join us in this study. See you soon!



FIRST QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS

We will be gathering these items to create

HYGIENE KITS

FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

PLEASE DONATE:

BATH TOWELS
(DARK COLORS RECOMMENDED)



WASH CLOTHS



WIDE-TOOTH COMBS



NAIL CLIPPERS



BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP
(4-5 OZ.)



The kits will be distributed worldwide to those in need.

TOOTHPASTE
(2.5-3 OZ.)



PLEASE NOTE:

- ♥ Dark colored linens are recommended.
- ♥ We recommend leaving contents in the original packaging, but it is not required.
- ♥ No additions, deletions, or substitutions.

- ♥ Do not add money, photos, or personal notes.
- ♥ Do not include items with religious, camouflage, patriotic or military symbols.

- ♥ Pack only new or gently used items.
- ♥ Do not include plastic bags.



Students may place items in the shopping cart in the school library area at any time.

Monetary offerings will be used to purchase items needed.



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Relief for Human Need
Worldwide

Thank you
for helping share
GOD'S LOVE!

Stewardship in the First Commandment

Originally published in September 2023



The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don’t have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect this belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God’s work.





30 Days

PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES
FOR YOUR FAMILY

SEPTEMBER 1 - DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

SEPTEMBER 2 - JOSHUA 1:9

SEPTEMBER 3 - RUTH 1:16-17

SEPTEMBER 4 - 1 SAMUEL 1:27-28

SEPTEMBER 5 - 1 SAMUEL 3:10

SEPTEMBER 6 - 2 CHRONICLES 7:14-15

SEPTEMBER 7 - ESTHER 4:14

SEPTEMBER 8 - JOB 1:21

SEPTEMBER 9 - PSALM 1:1-2

SEPTEMBER 10 - PSALM 23

SEPTEMBER 11 - PSALM 139

SEPTEMBER 12 - PROVERBS 1:7

SEPTEMBER 13 - PROVERBS 18:10

SEPTEMBER 14 - ISAIAH 61:1-3

SEPTEMBER 15 - JEREMIAH 17:7-8

SEPTEMBER 16 - LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

SEPTEMBER 17 - HOSEA 6:1-3

SEPTEMBER 18 - MICAH 6:8

SEPTEMBER 19 - MATTHEW 9:36-38

SEPTEMBER 20 - JOHN 15:1-11

SEPTEMBER 21 - ROMANS 8:31-39

SEPTEMBER 22 - 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

SEPTEMBER 23 - 2 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10

SEPTEMBER 24 - GALATIANS 2:20

SEPTEMBER 25 - GALATIANS 5:22

SEPTEMBER 26 - EPHESIANS 1:15-20

SEPTEMBER 27 - PHILIPPIANS 1:3

SEPTEMBER 28 - PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

SEPTEMBER 29 - COLOSSIANS 1:9-12

SEPTEMBER 30 - 1 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13

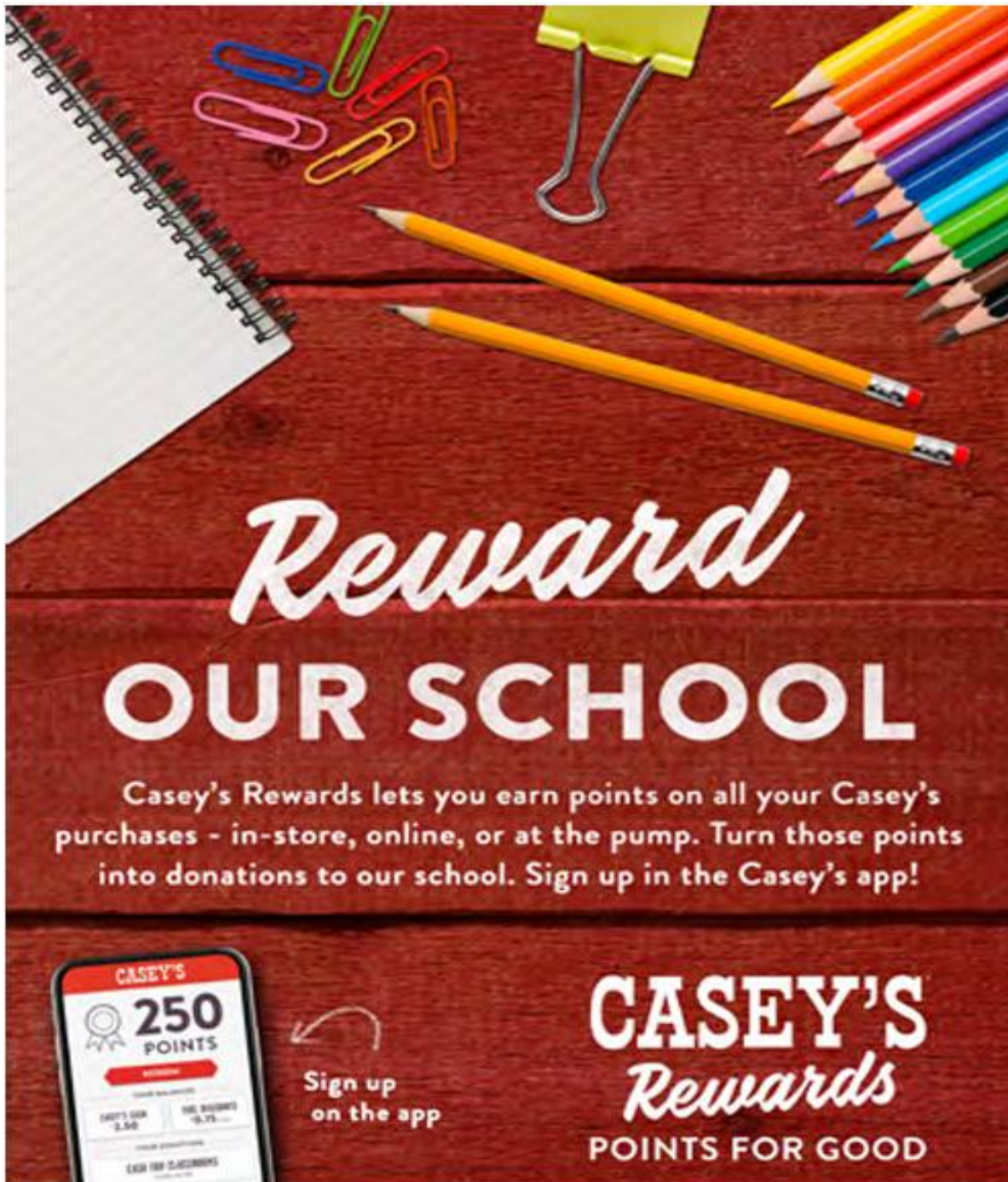
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- 1 Download the Casey's app.
- 2 Every time you purchase fuel or other items at Casey's, earn points.
- 3 In the rewards section of the app, select St. Paul's Lutheran School as your donation choice.

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Sign up on the app



St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH

Homemade brats
with all the fixings!

OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

MEAL
\$15.00

KIDS UNDER 5
eat free!

- ♥ Dozen brats \$35.00
- ♥ Half dozen \$18.00
- ♥ 1 lb ground meat \$10.00

