

Weekly News - September 24, 2023

(Ways for you to get connected, and ways you can encourage others to get connected.)

Connection Groups (September 24) - Connection Groups are launching back up for A nine-week series on the Book of Judges. While there are certainly some gory events and details in the book of Judges, there are also many things Christians can learn from the events in the book of Judges. The study will primarily focus on the following: how unfaithful the people of Israel were; the lengths to which God will go to redeem and deliver His people and display His covenantal faithfulness; the depravity of fallen human nature; the value of obedience to God and His word; how culture impacts Christians and the church, and how we, as Christians, can hold fast to God's word and promises. We will be going through this on Sunday Mornings and during Connection Groups. If you are not currently in a connection group but would like to join, scan the QR code to the right and join a group. If you have any questions, feel free to email Pastor Chris (chris@stpaulnj.com).

Sunday School is Back! - Sunday School (4-10 year olds) resumes today, September 24, 2023 during the 10 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed - We are in need of volunteers to help with our Sunday School ministry this year. If you are interested in serving God through our Sunday School Ministry or would simply like more information, please sign up on the "Sunday School Volunteers" sheet located on the Connections Table in the lobby.

Men's Breakfast (September 30) - St. Paul Lutheran Church is having a Men's breakfast on Saturday, September 30 in the church Kitchen and fellowship hall from 7:30-9:00 a.m. Welcome to all men 18 and over. Join us for some Bacon and the Bible.

Jr. Youth (October 1) - Jr. youth (5th-8th grade) is starting back up next Sunday, October 1 during the 10:00 a.m. service.

Catalyst (October 1) - We have our first Catalyst teaching on October 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This is only for those who are beginning their first year in Catalyst.

Christmas Musical - Christmas is here already! Well, not quite. But, it's not too early to start thinking about the Christmas Musical - "All Is Well." We would love to have your voice join ours this year. If interested, sign up at the Connection Center or contact Dave Perkins via email (<u>dperkins@stpaulnj.com</u>) or text/call (908-399-1589).

This Sunday's Prayer list:

Prayers of Concern: Tommy Wilde (Peace and comfort as he is on hospice with stage 4 cancer) Fred Bock (Cousin of Hank Mohlenhoff - complications with treatment for liver cancer):

Praise and Thanksgiving: Sunday School Teachers (for the ways God is going to use them in the coming year), and for all the children that will grow in their faith

Grieving: Family and Friends of Gerard Cicala (Cousin of Peter and Susan Cicala)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Have a prayer request? Go to <u>https://www.stpaulnj.com/pray/</u> to let us know how we can pray with you and for you.

Birthday List: <u>09/28</u>: Elaine VanDuyne, Joyce McGreevy, Tim Kozicki; <u>09/30</u>: Justin Verlin, Kenneth Schlesier, Jr., Kurtis Johmann, Sylvia Wynn

Anniversary List: <u>09/24</u>: Ross and Mary Eilbacher, Sandy Rasile; <u>09/26</u>: Joe and Elisa Weatherbee; <u>09/27</u>: Lance and Katherine Martin, Randy and Caroline Osborn; <u>09/30</u>: Richard and Sharon Mirande

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights" (James 1:17)

Flowers on the altar on this 17th Sunday after Pentecost are given to the glory of God by Jaime & Family in loving remembrance of Jaime's sister, Beth Bezak, who would have celebrated her birthday on September 26th.