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God's Work, Our Hands Month

We are so EXCITED for this September Issue of the Shepherd's Voice Church Newsletter! As we start back into fall, there are so many ways that you can get involved in the ministry of your church. If you are someone who loves to work with youth, there are opportunities for you. If you are someone who loves to work behind the scenes, there are opportunities for you as well. If you are someone who is musical, check out the options we have. If you are wondering whether now is the time to meet some new people and engage in our ministry opportunities, the answer is YES! The best way to feel a stronger connection to your church is to engage in the many varied ministries that we offer. Please read this newsletter where inside you will see the variety of opportunities available to you. Contact the office, listed leaders or church staff for more information. We are excited to welcome you into our return to fall!



Fall Worship Schedule Sunday Mornings

9:00am Worship

10:00am Education Hour/Fellowship

All Are Welcome!



**Youth
Opportunities
Registration
September 14th
4-7pm**



Come to church on **September 14th anytime from 4:00-7:00pm** during Meet Us On Maple Street to learn about and get registered for all the ministries offered on Sundays and Wednesday nights at PLC! We'll have tables set up outside with information on iQuest, Sowers, Confirmation, Senior High Youth Group, music groups, and more! This night is for everyone, students and their parents and anyone interested in what opportunities are available at PLC. We encourage all who are considering being a part of any of our youth ministries to come and get registered. We will also have food, music and so much more! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tammy in the church office or Pastor Paul..

Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School each week during our education hour at 10:00am. This is open for all youth preschool-5th grade youth. Come and learn important Bible stories.

iQUEST

Join us for our after school ministry at PLC on Wednesdays. Kindergarten thru 5th grade students are invited to join us for games, crafts, singing, and faith exploration as we share in God's grace and love each week. Please contact Tammy in the church office with any and all questions or to volunteer to help.

SOWERS

6th grade students will continue to meet after worship on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Please contact Pastor Paul with any and all questions or to volunteer to help.

CROSSWALK

7th-9th grade students are invited to join us for PLC's Confirmation Ministry on Wednesday nights. Also, if you're interested in assisting with Crosswalk in any way, please contact Pastor Paul and he'll find the right spot for you!

SR. HIGH

10th-12th grade students meet every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:15pm in the youth room. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship	Labor Day	6	7 6:45pm CELEBRATION Choir	8 10:00am Women's Bible Study	9	10
11 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship 5:30pm Floodgate Meeting	12 12:30pm Quilters 6:00pm Handbell Choir	13	14 9:00am Men's Bible Study Youth Activity Registration 4:00-7:00pm Meet Us on Maple Event 6:45pm CELEBRATION Choir	15	16	17
18 9:00am worship 10:00am Fellowship/ Education Hour/Council Meeting	19 12:30pm Quilters	20	21 3:00pm iQuest 5:20pm Meal 6:00pm Worship 6:30pm Sowers, Confirmation & Sr. High Youth Group 6:45pm CELEBRATION Choir	22	23	24
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September Birthday Blessings to...

- Amelia Malling, Dustin Thompson, Michael McNab,
1 Trista Thompson
2 Sean Andreasen
Grace Hartfiel, Noella Meierhofer, Paisley Hellermann, Harper
4 Thompson
6 Mitchell Klocker
7 Barb Jacobson, Ellen Wyffels, Jessalynn Anderson, Dayna Fuchs
8 Spence Evans, Sawyer Soine, Rebecca Kieser
9 Gaile Leimer, Lyle Thomsen
10 Paul Aas, Kim Hasbrook, Tiffany Tangen
11 Quin Amundson, Ronald Thompson
12 Ryan Tri
13 Grant Andreasen, Carol Clementson
14 Doreen Miller, Isabella Kascht
15 Sue Hecht, Jean Louis,
16 Shirley Jensen, Suzanne Thorson, Hayden Thompson
18 Bradley Carlson, Pat Nelson, Bob O'Fallon
19 Betty Jane Povilaitis
20 Reed Ringstad
21 Kelsey Reinke, Ryker Schmidt
22 Jasmine Swenson, Logan Jacobson,
Jack Paulson, Kristine Johnson
23 Kjerstin Campbell, Roger Dreyling
24 Jackie Osterhaus, Pat Solum, Dexter Kuechle
25 Michael Naujokas, Robert Pirsig, Linda Westvig, Rand Roeske
27 Mary Janotta, Kathleen Williams
28 Jackie Campbell
29 Gina George, Madison Price, Peyton Roeske
30 Kaydence Roeske



Do you want to get more involved at PLC but prefer to be behind the scenes? If so, Altar Guild may be just the committee for you. Altar Guild prepares the altar before service Sunday morning and clears the altar after services. Please reach out to Stephanie Johnson at 320-221-3015 to learn more or to join Altar Guild.

Bells

Please join us for a kick off rehearsal/touch base get together for the Bell Choir on Monday, September 12 at 6 p.m. at PLC. Whether it is your first time picking up a bell or you have been playing for years, there is always a place for you in the PLC Bell Choir. We look forward to seeing you there and ringing together. Please reach out to Stephanie Johnson at 320-221-3015 to learn more or if you are unable to attend the September 12 kick off.



We've got a compelling lineup of topics for our upcoming Education Hour at PLC. Our continued goal is to provide meaningful and thought-provoking topics to deepen faith and encourage learning in our community. We'll do this in a variety of ways throughout the year and we hope you'll join in on the learning and growth we'll do together.

Upcoming Topics:

September 18 - Brad Skoglund, Paynesville Elementary Crossing Guards

September 25 - Sue Feliciano, AmeriCorps for Seniors, Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion

October 2 - Pat Flicker, WACOSA-Changing Lives for People with Disabilities

October 9 - Dick Geer, Farmers Market & Minnesota Grown

October 16 - Kari Shumaker, Women of the Bible

October 23 - Kari Shumaker, The Holy Ghost Explained

October 30 - Confirmation Sunday, no adult education

Funeral Help

We would like to create a funeral service group that will be contacted via email or text. This group of volunteers would be willing to help setup, serve, clean up after a funeral and to make a cake or pan of bars to be served at the funeral. We know that not

everyone is available to help all the time, but would gladly make a pan of bars or a cake as needed. This is why we need a group of volunteers to draw from. Being able to help a family cope with the loss of a loved one is a way to say to the family that we care about you and you are part of our faith community. If you are interested in becoming part of this vital church mission please contact Kathy Lura (current funeral group chair) or Tammy in the church office. You can contact Kathy via email kathlura@yahoo.com or phone 612-839-4092. Thank you for considering to volunteer for the funeral service group.

Monday Quilters

The Monday Quilters are in need of more help creating our quilts. You do not need to know how to sew to be a part of this fun group. If you can tie a knot, iron, or cut fabric we would love for you join us. We provide on the job training and everyone is welcome!

We gather in the church fellowship Hall on Mondays from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm to work on mission quilts. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Lura at 612-839-4092. Looking forward to seeing you.



We're Giving Away MONEY!

The Endowment Committee is now accepting grant requests and encourages any person or organization seeking funds to apply to the Paynesville Lutheran Church Endowment. We receive applications from ministries within our congregation, community ministries, or ministries of the larger church and community. Applications can be found on our church website: www.paynesvillelutheran.org
The deadline for applications is October 15.



Sunday School and iQuest Supply Drive

We need your help collecting supplies for our youth programs at PLC. All donations can be dropped off in the gathering area or the church office. Thank you in advance for your support.

- Magazines
- Washable Ink Pads
- Handwipes
- Paper towel tubes
- Magnifying glass
- Wrapping paper



- Eye droppers
- Small Mirrors
- Sand timers
- Shoe boxes
- Gift bows



We're a few weeks away from the start of another great year of iQuest at PLC! We can't wait to have all our K-5th graders back on Wednesday nights to learn about God and grow in faith together! We'll continue with our Whirl curriculum from Sparkhouse focusing on select stories throughout scripture through entertaining videos, interactive classroom activities, and reading through the bible together.

Leaders— We're still looking for leaders for iQuest on Wednesday nights from about 3:00-6:00pm for any of the age groups we have. If you've got space in your schedule on late Wednesday afternoons, we'd love to have you! It's a great opportunity to connect with our youngest generation and take part in faith formation with them.

iQuest Kitchen Leader — Each Wednesday evening we provide a meal for our iQuest kids and their families to enjoy before worship. We've been incredibly blessed with some great kitchen leaders the last several years but we're again looking for someone to take on this leadership position. We're grateful to have several people who assist from week-to-week but someone is needed to plan the menu, shop for supplies, lead the preparing of the meal, and help delegate volunteer roles.

Games Leader — Part of our afternoon at iQuest each week is an activity/game time with the students. This year we're looking for someone to take charge of that time together. We have a catalog of games, activities, and others to pass along to anyone willing to take this on!

Should you be interested in helping, please contact Pastor Paul or Tammy in the office for more information.

MEET US ON MAPLE STREET

Paynesville Lutheran Church
657 Maple Street

Wednesday, September 14
5:00-7:00 PM

Lily's Wings, Burgers & Things
All-You-Can-Eat

\$12 Per Person/Per Meal
Tickets for sale at PLC or at event
All Are Welcome!

What do ya say we do this one more time?! We're combining the fun of our Meet Us on Maple Street events with the excitement of our Fall Kickoff for the upcoming program year! Just like we have all summer, we'll have food and music for you to come spend the night with one another at PLC. We'll also have registration for all our fall youth programs. It will be a great night for building enthusiasm and energy as we head into the fall! Hope you'll meet us here!

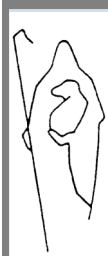
Worship Leaders needed!

We are looking for people interested in leading the youth worship bands at PLC. We are blessed with wonderful musicians in our congregation and are looking for leaders (youth or adult) to take leadership (scheduling, running rehearsals, choosing music) of both the On the Horizon (OTH, 7-9th grade team) and/or You Only Love One (YOLO, 10-12th grade team).

This is a stipended position and there is great support from the PLC staff who will help to get you going! Contact Kari through the church office with any questions.



Bibles will be presented to all 3 year old's, Kindergarten and sixth grade students on **Sunday, September 18th** at the 9:00am services as well as **Wednesday, September 21st** at the 6:00pm service. Please join us to share this special gift of God's Word with your child! The Bibles are a gift from the PLC Women of the ELCA.



New Members

If you're new to PLC and have been wondering more about our congregation or would like to know more about what it means to be a member of our worshipping community, please plan on joining us for our upcoming New Member Workshop. We'll share some information about our church, our beliefs, our mission, and the ministry we share!

If you're planning on attending or if you would like to join PLC, but you are unable to make it to the New Member Workshop, please contact the church office at 320-243-3624.

October 16| 10:00am – New Member Workshop

October 23 9:00am Worship – New Member Recognition



The Women's Bible study will meet on Thursday September 8, 2022 at 10:00 in the church Chapel. Please bring your copy of the Gather magazine, a Bible and your prayers for those in need. Copies of the Bible study will be available for those who need one. See you September 8.



The Men's Bible study meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at PLC at 9:00am. Join us as we enjoy time together in Bible Study and fellowship.

Faith Full Friends—PLC's home visitor ministry

Thank you to everyone who offered care, support and prayers for your neighbors the last several years. Now is the time to reorganize our visiting program which has been on "break" for some time. Through the years we have been fortunate to have a faithful group of people who have been committed to visiting those who have not been able to get out and about or those who have other challenges and appreciate some extra support. Visits include personal contact, phone calls, and notes, as well as prayer.

We are starting from scratch to get up and running again. We know that several Faith Full Friends kept contacts going the past several years. This is greatly appreciated. As we all are aware, the list of those who have been visiting, as well as those who have been visited, has changed over time. We need to update this information to get back on track.

Flexibility is a big part of this ministry. Visitors set their own timelines. We hope there is some continuity of visits with an aim for one about once a month. Even sharing visits with another can be an option. That way a partner visitor can be available even if one is gone for the winter months. Facetime visits may even work for some. Confidentiality is a must for all visitors. Any suggestions regarding other options will be considered. We want this to be workable for all and still be able to offer the support to others.

Please consider this ministry as you think of how you can offer care and support and live out your faith. The church office will field your calls to sign up as a visitor and can connect you with someone who can answer your questions.

Coordinators

Marlys Sorenson and Arlene Sullivan



Celebration Choir is starting again this fall! We will be rehearsing at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and are looking for new members. Please consider joining us! Don't worry if you feel like you are inexperienced or your voice is out of practice. We will all be working together to get back into shape after our COVID hiatus!

Research has shown that singing helps physical and emotional health and well-being. Come and sing with us and experience this for yourself! If you are interested in learning more, check out this link: https://www.singupfoundation.org/singing-health?gelid=Cj0KCQjw0oyYBhDGARIsAMZEuMuCWrrRoGbHYIoRLgNUOovJGBRh0BAQOoXIMlt9wm8LSbz4RJrYf0YgaAosXEALw_wcB

Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, Sept. 7th at 6:45 p.m. Hope to see many of you there! All are welcome!

Cheryl Bungum, Celebration Choir director
"Those who sing pray twice." St. Augustine

Prayer Chain Team

The Prayer Chain at Paynesville Lutheran Church currently has 22 members but we are seeking more individuals, couples or families to join in this vital ministry! The power of prayer gives us a deep connection to our God. And we know that God answers our prayers often in ways we wouldn't expect.

Consider being a part of this team and lifting your friends and neighbors up in prayer!

Just a note about confidentiality. It is important for this team to keep prayers confidential as we often get requests from individuals that are not wanting their prayers to be public knowledge.

If anyone is interested in this important ministry, they may contact the church, Pastor Paul or Lynda (243-7206).

