

# September 2023

The monthly newsletter of Paynesville Lutheran Church

Point others to Jesus • Love generously and gracefully • Cultivate disciples

# Fall Worship Schedule

**Sunday Mornings** 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship/Education Hour

> **Wednesday Evening** (beginning Sept. 20) 6:00pm Worship

Check our website for more information.



Shepherds Voice



Youth Opportunities Registration September 13<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm



Come to church on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> anytime form 4:00-7:00pm to learn about and get registered for all the ministries offered on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings at PLC! We'll have tables set up outside with information on iQuest, Sowers, Confirmation, Senior High Youth Group, Sunday School, 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 Wednesday or Sunday ministries to come at some point in the evening. We will also have food, music and so much more! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

Sunday School begins September 17 following 9:00am worship Wednesday activities begin September 20

## Columbarium

The columbarium has arrived and the new landscaping looks wonderful! The columbarium is a wonderful way for us to continue to minister to families during some of the most difficult times that we face. If you would like more information about the columbarium check out the churches website or stop in the office.



# **September Mission of the Month**

Socks and underwear are the most forgotten, and most needed clothing item for people in need. Our Mission for the Month of September is providing socks and undies for those in need through our Community Service

Center. The new socks and undies for toddlers, youth and adult are needed. Items can be brought to PLC during the month of September. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated and will be used to purchase additional items needed. Thank you for your generous support.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	4 Labor Day	<b>5</b> 4:30-7:30pm Just for Kix	6 CELEBRATION Choir 6:45pm	7	ω	O
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# **September Birthday Blessings to...**

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Amelia Malling, Dustin Thompson, Michael McNab,

- 2 Sean Andreasen
- 4 Grace Hartfiel, Noella Meierhofer, Paisley Hellermann, Harper 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
- 19 Betty Jane Povilaitis
- 20 Reed Ringstad, Susan Schaefer
- 21 Kelsey Reinke, Ryker Schmidt
- 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

#### Musicians/Bands

As we enter into our fall schedule I want to take this opportunity to thank our musicians that have led us in worship this summer and the ones that will be picking back up again in the fall. Paula Geier and Jean Louis led us in great music during worship this summer on the organ and piano respectively and we were blessed to hear from Healing Harmonies, YOLO (our Sr. High Youth Band) and Solid Rock Band this summer as well. As we move forward into the fall, you will be seeing more of our OTH (On The Horizon) - the 7-9th Grade youth band and YOLO (You Only Love One) - the 10-12th Grade youth band. Thank you to Nate Rindahl who has been co-leading and will now be leading the OTH band beginning this fall. Wednesday Worships will primarily be led by Solid

Rock Band and YOLO and Sunday worships will be alternating between Paula Geier leading us in exceptional traditional worship music and Healing Harmonies and OTH leading us in our exceptional contemporary worship every other week.





## **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 1 | 10:00am - New Member Workshop October 15 | 9:00am Worship - New Member Recognition



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.

# **Sunday School and iQuest Supply Drive**

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

- Dice
- Paper clips
- Glue & Glue sticks
- Playing cards
- Baby wipes-unscented
- Rubber bands



- Eye droppers
- Sand timers
- Shoe boxes
- Ping pong balls
- Maps or old atlas
- Stickers Heart shaped/ Christmas/Star/color dots



Celebration Choir is starting again this fall! We will be rehearing 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.

Research has shown that singing helps physical and emotional health and well-being. Come and sing with us and experience this for yourself!

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

Cheryl Bungum, Celebration Choir director

"Those who sing pray twice." St. Augustine

# **Bandage Rolling**

As part of God's Work our Hands Sunday we will have volunteers rolling bandages to send to those in need. We are in need of 100% white cotton sheets to be used to make bandages. Sheets can be dropped off in the church office prior to September 9. Thank you for helping with this important mission.





Bibles will be presented to all 3 year old's, Kindergarten and sixth grade students on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am services as well as Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 CREATE A our church website: www.paynesvillelutheran.org. The deadline for applications is October 15.



We've got a compelling lineup of topics for our upcoming Education Hour which will begin on October 1 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:** 

October 1 - Columbarium and Funeral Topics

October 8 - End of life planning and conversations



Your support is essential to the mission and ministry of Paynesville Lutheran Church. Consistent giving is a help to this congregation as we plan for ministry expenses throughout the year. If you've found it challenging to give consistently, this may be an opportunity for you to begin doing so. We thank you

in advance for all your continued gifts, financial and otherwise. Please contact the church office for more information.



We are in the full swing of summer, but before we know it we will be kicking off another year of activities at PLC. We can't wait to have all our K-5<sup>th</sup> 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 are looking for leaders for iQuest on Wednesday nights from 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. We are in need of adult to help lead our youth thru their weekly rotations and help with each weeks lesson. We use the Whirl curriculum which has little to no prep for our leaders. For more information please contact Tammy in the church office.

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! If you're interested, please contact Tammy in the office for more information!



We are looking for help with our Sunday School program this fall. Youth meet each Sunday following the morning worship service for a time of music, Bible stories and fun. This program continues to grow each year and we are in need of your help. If you can help for a week, a

month, or all year we would love to have you join us. Please contact the church office for more information.



Did you know that the Teal's Markets 1% Receipt Rebate Program started in the late 1970's as a way to give back to the community. Since 2015, Paynesville Lutheran

Church has received \$8,651.87. These funds go to help support those going to camp.

# **Comfort Creators - Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Did you know that we have a prayer shawl ministry at PLC? We have several who knit or crochet prayer shawls and baptismal blankets for those in need and our newly baptized.

We want to thank Patti Cremers for leading this group for the past several years. Patti will be stepping down from her role and we are looking for someone to help lead this group. If you are interested please contact Patti Cremers at

320-295-2099 or the church office.



Sept. 10 is the return of God's Work our Hands Sunday. The Deacon board is very excited to bring this back again after a few year hiatus. Come to worship that morning, ready to go out into the community and serve others. Some of the activities that will be

available are: walking our PLC road ditches (18+ years old only), washing windows at church and other church cleaning, cleaning of storage closets, bringing cheer to others through visits and song at the Manor and/or Koronis Place, rolling bandages and many more.

There will be sign-ups in the gathering area ahead of time so that you can sign up and plan to dress for what you will be working on. We are so excited for this day to show the community what it looks like to be God's hands and feet in the world.







Shawl

Ministry

Thank you for the great feedback that we received about our summer sermon series "Bumper Sticker Theology". We enjoyed preaching on the different ways that sayings and phrases impact our lives. We will move into a new sermon series this fall called "Back to School". This series will focus on all that things that we learn at school and whether we are going back to school for the first time or whether we have been out of school for many years, these lessons that are learned at school are some of the most important ones to keep throughout life. Lessons like how to deal with mean people, how to navigate relationships and how to continue to learn and grow. Join us on Sept. 24 to kick off this series.

#### 10:30 Worship Service

We have had many comments from people who want a later worship service. The Worship and Music committee has met and decided that we will trial adding a 10:30 worship service once a month for the months of Sept, Oct and Nov. The 2nd service will be the same as the 9:00 am worship on that Sunday. This trial is not only to gauge the number of people who are interested in attending a later worship service, but also to gauge the feasibility of volunteers (ushers, musicians, altar guild, audio tech, etc..) to manage an ongoing 2nd worship service. The dates that we will be offering an additional 10:30 worship service will be, Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 19. Please put these dates on your calendar if this later

worship time is important to you. We will be polling the people who attend this worship service to help with further decision making. After the November worship, we will revisit the idea as a committee to compile what we have learned during this trial run and make a decision moving forward. Remember the worship dates and



times are 10:30 am worship Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 19.

# **Wednesday Worship**

We are excited once again to bring back Wednesday night worship at 6:00 pm, beginning Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. This worship service is a shortened service with contemporary music and a powerful message that is geared toward our younger families. We celebrate communion once a month at this worship service. We also provide a hot, healthy, balanced meal from 5:20 - 6:00 pm on Wednesday nights that anyone from the community is

welcome to attend. This meal is a free will donation and is open to all. Alison and her crew do a great job of making a healthy meal that appeals to kids and adults. Please plan to join us on Wednesday nights for food and fellowship and stay for worship after if it works into your schedule.





The women's Bible study group meets on the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 in the church chapel. We use the Gather magazine Bible study and there are copies available for those who don't have one. We hope you will join us on Thursday,

September 14 at 10:00am. All are welcome!

# MEET US ON ANAPLE STREET

Paynesville Lutheran Church 657 Maple Street

Wednesday, September 13 4:00-7:00 PM

Pulled pork sandwich, salad, chips, Mac & Cheese and more.

Free will donation

#### All Are Welcome!

This is our Fall Kick-Off Event, but everyone is welcome, even if you don't youth come and enjoy a time of Fellowship and food.

We'll have tables set up outside with information on iQuest, Sowers, Confirmation, Senior High Youth Group, Sunday School, 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 Wednesday or Sunday ministries to come at some point in the evening. We will have food, music, a bounce house and so much more! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.