



Messenger August 2023

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1901 Portland Ave Minneapolis, 55404

Rev. Thomas Parrish

What Does a Healthy Church Look Like?

It may seem like a strange question at first, but the health of the local church is something the Bible tells us to monitor and adjust all the time. Virtually all the epistles in the New Testament are responses to issues, problems or false teaching in the church. Paul, Peter, John, James and Jude (half-brothers of Jesus) wrote the epistles we read. Each of them is addressing a specific issue or issues faced by the local church.

Since the church is the living body of Jesus Christ it needs continual nutrition, correction, exercise, and adjustments to keep it vital. St. Paul's is no different. We will soon begin looking deeply at God's Word to identify the characteristics of a healthy church. Here are some of the topics we will cover from the Word:

Characteristics of a Healthy Church

- Focus and Passion for Jesus as the One and Only Savior
- Uncompromising Faith in the Word of God
- The Truth of Jesus is Our Priority
- Corporate Prayer and Fasting are a Normal part of Our Life Together
- Biblical Partnership rather than just Membership
- Unity in Jesus in all Things
- Our Purpose is Clearly Defined and Articulated
- Transparency in Everything for all Believers
- Biblical Discipline by Church Elders
- Biblical Love for All Seeking Jesus
- Welcoming in Jesus' Name to Hear the Truth
- Learning and Growth for all Ages

- Multiplication of Believers is Frequent
- Intentional Discipleship Growth
- Healing Center for Physical, Emotional, Spiritual and Intellectual Restoration
- Organized Around Jesus as the Head of the Church
- Obedience out of Thankfulness
- Believers Trained for Ministry

Focusing on these truths and putting them into practice will dramatically enable any church to be vibrant and powerful. As we continually put these truths into our vocabulary, life, speech, actions and reactions the Lord Jesus will bless us and use us to change the world.

MEN'S SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP

LED BY PASTOR TOM PARRISH

Saturday, **August 5th** and **19th** at 9:00am

Coffee & donuts are Provided!

AT ST. PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP HALL

PRAYER WALK

Sunday, August 6 at 9:00am



AUGUST 6, 2023

5:00PM TO 6:30PM PRAYER & FASTING

FOLLOWING BY LIGHT DINNER

KIDS Club



Bible Lessons. Songs. Memory Verses. Snacks!

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 5:00

Where: St. Paul's Church at 1901 Portland Ave

**Who: For Children Ages 5-12 & parents
and older siblings**

Contact: Cheryl Rich @ 651-333-0119

New!

ADULT **CLASSES** S U M M E R

One Adult Summer Class:

How to Accurately Study the Bible Plus Spiritual Gifts 9:00 am.

Coffee Provided!



New Dawn

MINISTRIES

From New Dawn Ministries:

Peace to each of you. We encourage you to look forward with anticipation that is not shrouded in uncertainty or overburdened with care.

Life Together's Gathering is on Friday - August 4th! - 6-8:30 pm

Praise the LORD, Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Psalm 112: 1, 7

For more information please contact

Phyllis at 651-330-1913 or by email: Phyllis7.ndm@gmail.com

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Education and Evangelism Committee is going to begin quarterly leadership trainings at St. Paul's. The First Training is for all staff, elders, and council members on **Sunday, August 13, from 12:00-2:30 p.m.** The focus will be Strategic Planning to Maximize Effectiveness. A light lunch will be served in the fellowship room for all those attending the training.

THE SECOND TRAINING WILL BE IN NOVEMBER and is open to all St. Paul's members. The topic will be Understanding Your Leadership Style and How to Discover and Mentor New Leaders. More information will be forthcoming.



SAVE THE DATE: *September 10, 2023, is **Rally Day.*** There will be coffee, juice, treats, and intergenerational Sunday School games in the fellowship room courtesy of the Congregational Life and Worship Committee. Join us at 9:00 a.m.

MISSIONARY UPDATES



THE
HOSPITALITY
CENTER

ARRIVAL SEASON IS NEARLY HERE

What's Arrival Season you ask? It is the time of year when thousands of international students arrive here in the Twin Cities usually between mid August and the beginning of September.

It won't be long and new international students will be arriving and we love to give them a warm welcome. During the month of August we will be needing host homes and airport pickup drivers.

Please consider helping out with this critical time of year. Jonathan Nesvig, our Program Director hopes to welcome 500 students this Arrival Season through airport pickups, short-term hosting, our International Welcome Picnic, and our warehouse program.

If you want to be a part of this team, please sign-up on our Current Opportunities Form and select Arrival Season!



Name	Date
Ruth Clink	08/10
Alexander Bopp	08/11
Ken Showalter	08/14
Doug Fruen	08/21
John Spaulding	08/22
Michael Kerch	08/31
Howard Johnson	08/31

Missionary Birthdays	
Name	Date
John Spaulding	08/22

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JOIN US

Online Or In-Person!

Sundays 10:30 A.M.