

St. Paul's Epistle

September 2024



Pastoral Call Update

The Joint Parish Council has been meeting and going through the lists of potential Pastors that our District Presidents have provided. It was decided after worship on August 18th, 2024 to have the Joint Council narrow down the Call list after reviewing the information provided. The Joint Council met and narrowed down the list to 4 Candidates, two of them are U.S. citizens and 2 are Canadian. Our two congregations will join together to review the information and vote to extend a Call to one of the potential Pastors on Sunday, September 15 following our 10 a.m. worship.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Joint Parish Council.

Plans are being discussed regarding our **Sunday School program**. Due to the differing worship schedules, a time to meet will have to be determined. Parents will be notified when a schedule is made. Looking forward to seeing all of our youngest members soon!



My Savior Lives—Northland

MSL Northland is a weekly, half hour televised ministry, produced in Duluth, Minnesota. We bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to you, wherever you're at. Services are led by pastors from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod from throughout the Arrowhead region of northeastern Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin

MSL Northland is on Public Access in Duluth, Channel 189

5 p.m. Sundays

8:30 pm Tuesdays

1:00 am and 6:00 am Wednesdays 2:00 pm Fridays

8:00 am and 3:30 pm Saturday

Upcoming Services: [9/1 Pentecost 15](#) Pastor Marty Mably ~ [9/8 Pentecost 16](#) Pastor David Schoessow

Northern Options for Women High Tea and Fashion Show



Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. Ranier Hall

Tickets: \$20 on sale in office or online at Northernoptions.org

Fashions from local businesses Tea, Coffee & More

Finger Sandwiches and crumpets Raffles and Music

God's Call to His People

Labor Day brings to mind a statement which addresses God's call to people of faith:

"God calls a people to use the gifts and abilities God has given, honoring and serving God in personal life, in households and families, in occupations, in community, nation and the world...Persons respond to God's call to honor and serve God in every aspect of human life: in their work and in their play, in their thoughts and in their action, in their private and their public relationships, God hallows daily life, and daily life provides opportunities for holy living. As Christians honor and serve God in daily life, they worship God. For Christians, work and worship cannot be separated. "



Our **LWML** group will be meeting Sunday, September 8 at 9 a.m. in the conference room. All ladies are invited to join us! Sunday, September 1st is Mite Sunday, The buckets will be going around after worship.

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these members celebrating in September!

2nd: Wren Swenson

20th: Linda Bacon

5th: Jim Ross

21st: Garrett Koenig

6th: John Hopkins

29th: John Etestad

10th: Dan Andrade

13th: Cortney Christie

15th: Dolores Boquist and Iverne Kuryla

16th: Rick Leerssen



“Sing With All the Saints in Glory”

~ A devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries



"Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking; soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

"Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head! Life eternal! Oh, what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown, When, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!"

Cultural changes in society, as well as the experiences of the pandemic, caused church attendance to decline in many areas. Yet whether we are many or few, in our worship we are not singing alone. Week after week, along "with all the saints in glory," we sing the resurrection song. Jesus Christ, crucified for us all, has risen from the dead! Nothing can diminish the joy of that good news. The resurrection song, sung by saints in heaven and faithful believers on earth, echoes around the world because Jesus is alive and now "death and sorrow ... to the former days belong."

The saints in heaven know the fullness of new life in Jesus, experiencing glory that we do not yet know. They stand in Jesus' presence now, but the day will come when we too will see our risen Lord: "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12a). Already now, through faith in Jesus, our sins are forgiven. We experience death and sorrow and "the storms of time," but we still sing the resurrection song. We know that Jesus has won the victory over sin, death, and Satan, and "all around the clouds are breaking."

When Jesus returns on the Last Day, we will awaken from death "in God's likeness ... knowing everlasting peace." As the apostle John writes, "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2). When Jesus returns, what wonders will "crowd on faith, what joy unknown!" We will see with our own eyes what we know now through faith. The clouds of doubt and fear, of sin and grief, will vanish, and "the storms of time will cease." On that great day, "amid earth's closing thunders," we will stand with all the saints before God's throne, singing with them the resurrection song we already know so well: "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13b).

WE PRAY: Jesus, I long for the day of Your return. Until then, with saints in glory I will sing Your resurrection song. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler. It is based on the hymn, "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" which is number 671 in the *Lutheran Service Book*.

Vacation Bible School ~ August 6, 2024



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Life Art

Thank you to everyone who brought their children and /or helped with our VBS! We had a great day.



PIZZA!

Music with Shelley



Snacks



Puppets with Carmen and Al



Crafts with Berta & Ruth



Science Experiments

