

# WE ARE ST. PAUL'S!

## Sunday Opportunities

Adult classes every Sunday 10AM in Wesley House

Adult Class in the Library 10AM in the Library

Jr. Church 9AM & 11 AM in Room 211

## Weekly Opportunities

St. Paul's PreSchool: Scholarship and donations accepted.

Saving Grace Advocacy: Monday - Thursday 9am-12:30pm

A.A. meets every Monday at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.

Dinner with Neighbors Wednesday at 5:30 PM.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 7-8:30 PM in Choir Room

Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Library

Alateen meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in Wesley House.

## Events:

**Membership Information Class Thursday, Oct. 2nd at 6pm. If interested, there's a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.**

**Saturday, Oct. 18th at 5:30pm — Drive 'n' Dine will be at Sharon Johnson's house. We will have our chili/hot dog night with a bonfire and hayride. Chili, hot dogs and cider will be provided. Please bring a dessert, chips, fresh veggies. 52796 C.R. 15 N. In case of rain, dinner will be at the church Sunday.**

**Trunk or Treat is Sunday, Oct. 26th 5-6 pm: Donations of candy, hot dogs & buns needed as well as volunteers and trunks. Sign-up sheet available at Welcome Center.**

**Oct 26 Fall car rally color tour. Meet at the church parking lot at 3:00 for send off. Enjoy a ride by the river, through the fruit hills, by the lakes, enjoy the fall colors as we head north to meet together for dinner. This will be a go rain or shine. :)**

Last Week Attendance: 122  
Weekly Average This Year: 120  
Last Week's Giving: \$1,271  
Weekly Budget Needs \$7,074  
September Giving: \$7,842  
Month-to-Date Budget: \$21,222  
Year-to-Date Giving: \$188,859  
Year-to-Date Budget: \$268,812  
Annual Budget Needs: \$367,822

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**September 28, 2025**

## **3rd Lie: A Good, Loving God Would Not Allow Suffering**

**John 16:33**

**"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."**

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**9:00 a.m.**

**Prelude:** "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" Bach

**Welcome:**

**Passing of the Peace:**

**Introit** "Near to the Heart of God"

**Liturgist:** Nancy Fiandt

**Opening Reading:** Psalm 34:4-8, 15-19

**Opening Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, we gather here today in Your name, You are present and we thank You for being here with us. We acknowledge Your grace, Your love, Your comfort and Your beauty. We lay down our burdens, our worries and our cares, focusing our hearts and minds on You. We ask that the Holy Spirit would move in our hearts today, helping us to worship You in spirit and in truth. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** Hymn#374 "Standing on the Promises"

**Offertory:** "Cantabile" Guilmant

**Offering/Offertory/Prayer:** *Sheltering God, our refuge and relief, you draw near when the wilderness is too much, when the heat of the day drains our hope. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your abiding love, a love that does not always keep us from trouble but never leaves us to face it alone. May what we give today bring comfort to the weary, hope to the hurting, and a glimpse of the salvation you are always working out in us and through us. In gratitude and faith, we offer these gifts. Amen.*

**Anthem:** "Sing a New Song of Praise" Lucas

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

**Hymn:** Hymn#328 "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer:**

**Sermon Scripture:** John 16:33

**Message:** **3rd Lie: A Good, Loving God Would Not Allow Suffering**

**Hymn:** Hymn#534 "Be Still My Soul"

**Benediction:**

**Postlude:** "Glory Be to Jesus" Filitz

**11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome:**

**Opening Reading:** Psalm 34:4-8, 15-19

**Worship:** "Cry of My Heart"

**Opening Prayer:**

**Worship:** "How He Loves"

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

**Worship:** "How Great Is Our God"

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer:**

**Sermon Scripture:** John 16:33

**Message:** **3rd Lie: A Good, Loving God Would Not Allow Suffering**

**Worship:** "In Christ Alone"

**Benediction:**



**Prayer Requests:** Family of Craig Casselman, Mark Longacre, Betsy DeFries, Randy Adams, Debbie Wolfinger, Betty Beck, Bill Mann, Anderson Family, Rick Jones, Cam McJunkin, Nancy Willis, Ellie Strukel, Kathy Scott, Sue Miller, Marcy Mercer, Scot Lauderbach, Nancy Fiandts' son Billy, Louise Jones, Billie Carl, Mama Jessie, Mateo and his mother, our leaders, our nation, and our world.

**Cancer:** Cathy Murschel, Janna Tomasini, Randy Zonker, Stephen Jones, Claudia Phipps, Larry Morris, Doug and Shannon Gullett, Samantha Moyer, Adler Carris, Kent Pettet, Ms. Joy, and Tim Portolese.

**Continuing Prayers:** Scott and Stephanie McElravy, Kathy DeFries, Suzanne Hunter, Austin Johnson, Sue Moses, John Thompson.

**Prayer Chain:** To start someone on the prayer chain call one of these three: Millie Ferro 574-262-4124, Nancy Willis 574-294-2747, or Louise Jones 574-361-5517.