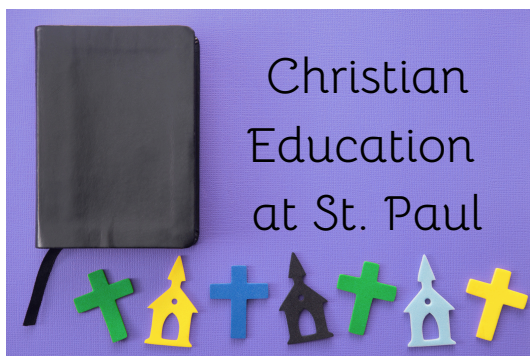


Welcome September 2025

September Song written by Katherine Smith Matheney

It seems like Summer's fading fast
and autumntime is here;
The leaves all turn to red and gold
About this time of year.
October's just a breath away
And now September song
There's loveliness about the earth
And birds sing all day long.
The crimson red and gold and green
All to the eye will please;
Folks come from miles to mountains high
To view this lovely scene.
I thank you, God, for all I see
So picturesque and clear;
Each pretty leaf we see today
Is in Your loving care.



Sunday School

Sunday School will begin on September 7th!

We have purchased curriculum that will follow our text that is used during Sunday Services to reinforce learning. If you have any questions or would be willing to volunteer to teach please contact Morgan Wertz 309-435-1819

Confirmation Classes

If you have a child 5th grade and older who would like to join confirmation please speak with Pastor Lisa or Bev in the office. This year we will focus on Martin Luther. Our first class will be on September 28th starting at 12:15pm. We will post the location closer to that date as we are still working out the final details. We are looking forward to a fun year of learning together!

Bible Study

Be on the lookout for updates on when we will start our next bible study. We will be studying the book of Exodus.



Church Staff

- Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor
- Bev Fordham, Administrative Assistant
- Eric Coffey, Custodian
- Kyle Burkholder, Groundskeeper
- Deborah Garmers, Organist
- Michael Helgeson, Celebration and Praise Music Coordinator

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- Abigail Williams, President
- Michael Helgeson, Vice President
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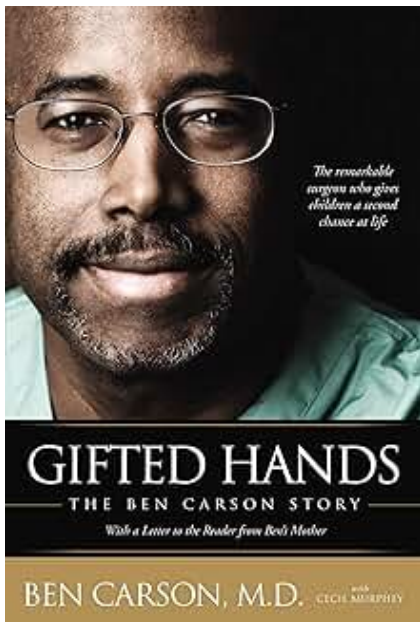


Annual Salad Buffet

The Women' Group will meet on Thursday, September 18 for a General Meeting and Annual Salad Buffet. We will have a speaker from Pads 4 Girls. We ask that everyone brings a salad to share. The Board will provide breads, butter and beverages. Sue Borcharding will do the devotion. We will have a short business meeting in which you will learn of the upcoming events. Women's Schedules will also be available through December. Hope you can join us.

Women's Book Discussion

The Women's Group will be meeting on Thursday, October 23 for a general meeting and a book review and discussion. The book selected is: "Gifted Hands" The Ben Carson Story" written by Ben Carson, M. D. With Cecil Murphy. This is a very inspirational, faith-based, and true story about how believing in yourself and God can make a difference. You will be responsible for providing your own book. Suggestions as to where to find the book: Amazon(approximate cost: \$12.00) Zondervan.com, Book Nook in Peoria, and The Peoria Public Libraries. If you have any questions or need help in finding the book, please contact one of the Women's Officers.



Women's Circles

JoAnna: Sept. 4th at 7pm

Esther: Sept. 23rd at 9:30am

Quilters: Sept. 2nd and 15th

Worship Assistants

9/7:

9/14:

9/21:

9/28:

Fellowship Treats

9/7:

9/14:

9/21:

9/28:

Birthdays and Anniversaries

9/1: Beverly Karstensen

9/2: Gerry and Sally Bloom's
Anniversary

9/4: Molly Guy

9/16: Nina Marquart

9/19: Marcy Bretsch

9/20: Annabelle Wertz

9/27: Madison Caraway

9/28: Cindy Lee

Counters

9/7: Mike Coffman and Roger
Conrad

9/14: Kyle Burkholder and Amber
Lowery

9/21: Scott Lee and Julia
Coffman

9/28: Karen Rocke and Jodi
Sharp



Council Highlights

- A load of engineered wood fiber was delivered for the playground and is currently being redistributed where it is needed.
- The Council is looking into building a ramp to make the clothing closet entrance wheelchair accessible.
- Pastor Lisa thanked the out-going council members, Sally Bloom, Melissa Gramlich, and Mary Conrad for their time and dedication to our congregation through their service on council and welcomed the new members, Morgan Wertz, Abigail Williams, and Michael Helgeson.

2025-2026 Council

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Article deadlines

Please submit articles for the weekly bulletin no later than 10am
Thursday mornings.

Articles for the October newsletter need to be submitted no later
than 10am on September 22nd.

Notification

Please if you are in the building for any reason, or any length of
time contact the office so we know who is in the building.

Thank you!

Please place any documents that you have for Bev or Pastor Lisa in
the boxes outside our doors. We don't want to get things misplaced
when they are just set on our desks.

Thank you!

We Pray For:

Floyd Rademaker,
Shirley Barber, Rob Hackett,
Floyd Rademaker, Andrea
Williams, Susie Ney, Jeff
Williams, Kendra Tallman,
Abby Mundwiller, Shannon
Perales, Jim Chamberlain, Terri
Montgomery, Charley
Fairbanks, Joe Ferrie, Nina
Marquart, Susan
VanMoorlehem, Roger
Conrad, Boyd Conrad, Steve
Rocke and Judy Wertz.

Our Shut-ins:

Floyd Rademaker, Nina
Marquart, Tom Schreiner and
Sam Kahl

Prayer Chain Contacts:

Cindy Lee 309.635.9691
Eileen Cunningham
309.685.0720

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:00am –11:00am Worship	1 Office Closed for Holiday 6:00pm –8:00pm Scouts (Bischoff)	2 10:00am –12:00pm Quilting (Bischoff) 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS	3 5:00pm –9:00pm Gems of the Prairie (Bischoff)	4 7:00pm –9:00pm JoAnna Circle	5	6 9:00am –12:00pm Clothing Closet Open
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21 10:00am –11:00am Worship 11:45am Council	22 Pastor at Fall Continuing Ed Conference 6:00pm –8:00pm Scouts (Bischoff)	23 Pastor at Fall Continuing Ed Conference 9:30am –11:30am Esther Circle 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS	24 Pastor at Fall Continuing Ed Conference	25	26	27
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