



ST. PAUL VISITOR JULY AND AUGUST 2023

The mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to CELEBRATE and PROCLAIM to all the saving grace of JESUS CHRIST in word and deed.

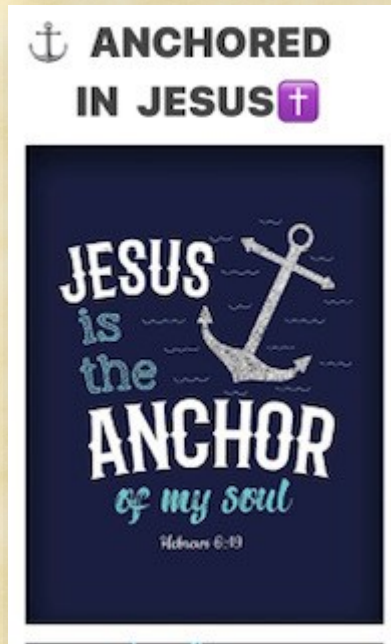


We pray for...

LaDonna, Al, Helen, Ernie, John, Jackie, Stephen, Steve, Kay, Barbara, Mike, Mandy, and Kathryn and Tom.

Shepherding God, you are the source of life and health. Surround those who struggle with illness or other difficulties of life and bring them to wholeness and healing. Amen.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a "prayer email" sent out please call Kathy at 304-525-9630.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 25, 26, 27

6:00PM-8:00PM

A LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS IS ON PAGE 9 OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND WILL BE IN THE BULLETIN. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE JILL MAY.



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

August 13

The Social Ministry committee will be sponsoring Christmas in August again this year. Our focus will be stocking our School Backpack closet in preparation for back to school. Beginning Sunday, July 23 a Christmas tree will be set up in the sanctuary. You are asked to take an ornament from the tree and purchase the item listed. Bring your item(s) to the church and place them under the tree. There are also ornaments that list dollar amounts if you prefer to make a monetary donation.

Please have your items under the tree by August 13.

Pastor's Reflections

Is time moving faster? Probably not but it sure seems like it! It is already time for the July/ August edition of the newsletter. Maybe moving faster has to do with getting older. Maybe it is about the culture around that wants to thrive on movement and doing stuff.

I remember when the summertime was a time to rest and relax. It seems now that is not the case. Of course, maybe it is just my perception of time that has got me so discombobulated. In a couple of weeks Kathy, Alex and I will be heading south to visit Kathy's mom. The last visit didn't last too long, and we don't get to see Kathy's family much because of the distance and of course having a child in school.

All this time talk makes me wonder about how I sometimes want to put things off that I know I should do. A case in point is getting my second shingles shot. In February I went to a different insurance company. The place where I received the first shingles shot doesn't take my current insurance. I have put off getting the second shot even though the current place I could get the shot is closer than the last one.

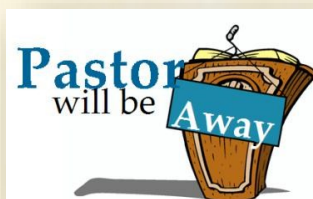
All this procrastination has bled over into other aspects of life. I wonder about how it is with you all. Do you feel the pull and tug of time and then just try to hide by not doing stuff you know you should do? The gospel texts for Pentecost from Matthew are filled with movement (not so much as Luke's story of Jesus). For Matthew this movement occurs with Jesus to be sure. But it also occurs with the disciples. They are sent out into the world to share the message. They are given specific instructions for going out. They are told to move on if someone doesn't receive them.

How often have we tried to share a message of God's mercy and love and people rejected it for some reason? Has this happened to you? Ministry and mission happen when we all take seriously the work God gives us to do. All this work is always, always, always in response to the unconditional grace from our Lord and Savior.

One last thing. It is always appropriate to take time to rest. This is especially true when we seem to be off center/ balance. So maybe some bit of procrastination is good – just not too much!

Blessings on your time and seeing God amid all your times.

Pastor KLM <><



Pastor will be on vacation July 13-17 and August 6.



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

I am writing while sitting on a train in Germany. The last five days I spent in Sicily, Italy, where I performed a piano solo recital in a small but very atmospheric setting. It took place in a more than 1000-year-old former church that is now used as a cultural center for the community of Ispica. The strongest impression for me was the stillness of this little town. While taking a break during practicing the afternoon before the recital, I walked around the church and across the plaza in its front. I heard the wind, the occasional clattering of dishes through an open window (it was hot!) and sometimes a car engine in the far distance. Otherwise: nothing.

Like Americans, Italian people are very hospitable, and I was taken for sightseeing in several cities in the south of Sicily the days after the recital. We even got to see flamingos in the wild in a nature reserve.

Later today, I will arrive at my mother's place, and enjoy some cherished family time. On Sunday, I will play another recital in my hometown – the first in probably 20 or so years with several former music teachers in attendance, so I am very much looking forward to it.

One last thing I'd like to share: We took a trip to the southernmost point of Sicily in Portopalo di Capo Passero, which is also the southernmost point of Italy (with the exception of two tiny islands). It's an interesting place, because the Ionian Sea (between Italy and Greece) meets the Mediterranean Sea there, and the water on the Ionian side is very quiet, while the Mediterranean Sea always appears stormy, with much bigger waves. Legend has it that the namesake of our church, St. Paul came through here, on his journey to Malta.

I wish you all a very happy July and look forward to returning in the end of the month!

Henning



ST. PAUL FARMERS' MARKET IS OPEN!!

If you have an abundance of produce from your garden please bring it each Sunday morning to share with the congregation.

If you would like fresh produce please check out the table in the narthex each Sunday morning. There is no charge for the produce but you are asked to make a donation, if you can, to the ELCA World Hunger Fund.

All leftover produce will be taken to Cridlin Food Pantry.



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

It has been very cool this June, temperately speaking. CCC had their End of the Year picnic at Ritter Park. The youth climbed trees, played tag, played in the sand and on the swings and enjoyed the zipline along with some pizza, chips and cookies. As I watched all of the youth embrace their freedom to play, It was evident all were happy to be out of school for the summer and to just PLAY. Sometimes we just need to be FREE. (School's Out! School's Out! Teacher let the bulls out) This statement may not be far from accurate, Lol! The youth will meet a few times in the summer to enjoy a few fun events along with our "ANCHORED IN JESUS" VBS in July.

The LYO group will come together in service to help with VBS and plan to do an Escape Room as well. An escape room is a room that requires teamwork to escape. Our youth will use their team building skills, knowledge and have to put trust in one another to escape the challenges in the room. We shall look forward to the outcome. Will they escape successfully? We shall see.

Our youth and adults who attended Camp Luther had a wonderfully wet but amazing week, while sharing the Holy Trinity and witnessing the unconditional love of God. All campers checked off another great year of Camp Luther on their lists. All needed a good night's rest in their own bed and were happy to be home. Until next year, Camp Luther, but we will practice "IT, the unconditional love of God until we meet again. My favorite thing to hear on the drive home are all the stories and favorite songs sung at worship. There is something so enjoyable about listening to your children express love, thanks, and praise about a place that touched your spiritual & life journey as well. Thank you kindly to Pastor Kevin and Norma for your leadership and spiritual guidance. It is always reassuring for us parents that you are present at Camp Luther.

I hope that summer warms up a bit, for all to enjoy. May you enjoy time spent in nature, with family, friends, on vacation or a small getaway. Take time with the Lord, take time for yourself and make time to share the love of God with all you meet and greet.

St. Paul Lutheran ANCHORED IN JESUS VBS will be Tuesday, July 25th-Thursday, July 27th from 6-8pm. We will have snack supper at 6pm in the undercroft and rotate through crafts, story, and games outside and end in Miller Park with music, popsicles and prayer. We hope that you can help by lending your time and talents or by donating items needed. There will be volunteer sign up sheets & with lists of items needed in the Narthex. If you would like to help lead a group or work a station, please let me know. I welcome all to come and jump in the fun of evangelizing in our community.

Jesus is the Anchor of my soul. - Hebrews 6:19

Your Loving Sister in Christ,
Jill





Thank you to everyone who has been working so hard this year to keep our property looking beautiful: David Stuart, Edie and Dan Beals, and Jan Kirby worked on trimming the bushes. Kenny Kirby and Susan Kelz have worked to keep up the Oshel Garden. Cam Hale and Edie Beals have maintained the lovely flower gardens outside the glass doors. And Keith Wellman, Annette DuVall, and David Stuart have kept the grass mowed.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Owen Murray
- 8 James May
- 9 Jill May; Bill Jones
- 14 Nathaniel Fornash
- 15 Alex Barham
- 18 Wilma Anderson; Mikah Utley
- 21 Stephen Golder
- 22 Emma Korstanje
- 24 Kaylen Simpson
- 25 David Korstanje
- 26 Tiffany Chapman
- 27 Anders Lindberg; DeLaney Utley
- 28 Trey Bell; William Korstanje
- 31 Ethan Arneson; Makaila Baker

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Keith Wellman
- 3 Jackson Wellman
- 12 Jacqui Veres
- 15 Jennifer Simpson
- 16 Carl Pemberton
- 19 David Vickers
- 20 Alexandria Lindberg; Jeanna Bell; Laura Baker




JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Ernie and Helen Golder
- 15 Bob and Sharon Tucker
- 18 Christian and Laura Watson
- 20 Brice and Amy Dowis

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Al and Linda Schneider
- 4 Pastor Kevin and Kathy Mackey
- 5 Arlan and Trudy Hesse
- 10 Tracy and Shannon Simpkins
- 21 Keith and Bernadette Wellman
- 26 Bill and Kay Jennings; Doug and Susan Korstanje

July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Mission Group here overnight
2 10:00am Worship	3 Office Closed	4 	5	6	7	8
9 10:00am Worship	10 7:00pm Writer's Group	11 9:30am Quilting	12	13	14	15
				Pastor on vacation through July 17th		
16 10:00am Worship	17	18 9:30am Quilting	19 10:00am Book Club	20	21	22
23 10:00am Worship	24	25 9:30am Quilting	26	27	28	29
		Vacation Bible School 6pm-8pm July 25-27				
30 10:00am Worship	31					

August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9:30am Quilting	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 Worship Pastor on vacation	7	8 9:30am Quilting	9	10	11	12
13 10:00 Worship Blessing of Backpacks Christmas in August 11:15 Council	14 7:00pm Writer's Group	15 9:30am Quilting	16	17	18	19
20 10:00 Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 11:15am Sunday School	21	22 9:30am Quilting	23	24	25	26
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Nadia Bolz-Weber coming to Charleston, WV

September 8

7:00pm at West Virginia State University

Tickets are available now at nadiainwv.org

cost of ticket is \$10.00

This event is being sponsored by Cross of Grace Lutheran Church. All monies from sales of tickets goes to Lily's Place and RCCBBR (Religious Coalition for Community Renewal).



Each day the Daily Devotional will be emailed to you. For the month of July we will focus on the second lesson. For August we will focus on the Gospel lesson. Below you will find all of the lessons listed for each week, if you would like to read them all. If you are not currently receiving the Daily Devotional and would like to please contact the church office.

June 26-June 30: Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

July 3-7: Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:8-14, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10-14: Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:1-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17-21: Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24-28: I Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31-August 4: Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

Aug. 7-11: I Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

Aug. 14-18: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:10-28

Aug. 21-25: Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Aug. 28-Sept. 1: Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16: 21-28

Worship Attendance for June

Date	in person	Facebook(closed)	Facebook (open)
6/4	55	not posted	not posted
6/11	58	not posted	not posted
6/18	53	47	47
6/25	47	62	62

On Sunday, August 13, all children, of all ages, are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, etc. to worship for a special blessing and a gift to help you remember that God is with you always, even at school and work.



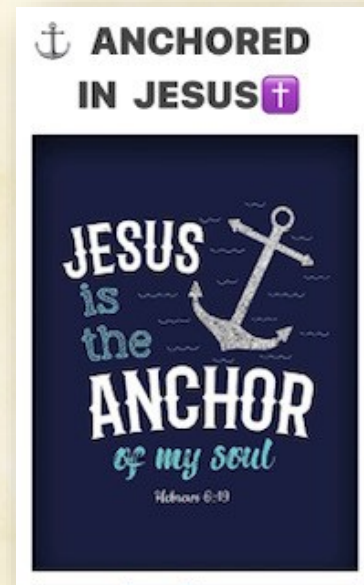
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 25, 26, 27

The items needed for VBS are listed below. If you can provide any of these, please sign up in the narthex.

If you can volunteer your time during VBS please see Jill May.

- 2 boxes of sandwich ziploc bags
- 2 boxes of gallon size ziploc bags
- 250 small plates-
- 250 dixie cups-
- 250 small drinking cups-
- 500 napkins-
- 100 packages of fruit snacks-
- 2-4 large boxes of goldfish
- 6 boxes Yogurt tubes or Gogurt (any flavor)
- 4 watermelons
- 2 packages green grapes
- 2 packages red grapes
- 100 individual small bags of chips-
- 6 bags of chicken nuggets
- 6 bags of mini pancakes(Walmart/Kroger)
- 100 hotdog buns
- 100 Hotdogs
- ketchup- big bottle-
- 3 packages of oreos
- 3 packages of chips ahoy
- 2-4 canisters of kool-aid
- 2-4 canisters of pink lemonade or lemonade
- 4 EZ up tents to use outside- if we can borrow for 3 days please let us know.



WORSHIP HELPERS

July 2

Assisting Minister: David Stuart
Reader: Steve Golder
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Konzett
Bread:
Acolyte:
Ushers: Dale and Susan Kelz
Flowers:

July 9

Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson
Reader: Steve Golder
Communion Deacon:
Bread:
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Dale and Susan Kelz
Flowers: Graybeal

August 6

Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Reader: Bernadette Wellman
Communion Deacon: David Stuart
Bread:
Acolyte:
Ushers: Julie Huron
Flowers: Andrew Wellman

August 13

Assisting Minister: David Stuart
Reader: Keith Wellman
Communion Deacon: Bernadette Wellman
Bread:
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Julie Huron
Flowers: KV and Leng Chin

July 16

Assisting Minister: Steve Golder
Reader: Mary Lou Pratt
Communion Deacon:
Bread:
Acolyte:
Ushers: Dale and Susan Kelz
Flowers:

July 23

Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman
Reader: Linda Schneider
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder
Bread:
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Dale and Susan Kelz
Flowers:

August 20

Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman
Reader: Ruthann Arneson
Communion Deacon: Keith Wellman
Bread:
Acolyte:
Ushers: Julie Huron
Flowers: Bill Korstanje

August 27

Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman
Reader: Annette DuVall
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Konzett
Bread:
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Julie Huron
Flowers:

July 30

Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman
Reader: David Stuart
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton
Bread:
Acolyte:
Ushers: Dale and Susan Kelz
Flowers:

ALTAR GUILD:

July:

Linda Hay and Janet Grimes

August:

Barbara and Zak Garnett

SANCTUARY and CHAPEL

CANDLES:

July:

Kelz

August:

Wellman

CRIDLIN FOOD and CLOTHING PANTRY

For the Month of July we will be collecting boxes of cereal for Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry. Please place your items in the bin in the narthex.





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