



ST. PAUL VISITOR JUNE 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, Charles, Stephen, Steve, Dale, Sophie, Kay, Barbara, Mike, Mary, and Mandy.

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.

We have eight youth who will be attending Camp Luther this summer along with Pastor Mackey and Norma Gensler. The campers are:

- Abby Bell
- Katie Dowis
- Madelyn Fizer
- Addison Handley
- Alex Mackey
- Cameron May
- Kaylen Simpson
- Kevin Vickers



As in past years we will be handing out Camp Cards on Sunday, June 18. Each card will have a camper's name and address. You are asked to pray specifically for that camper. You may also send them a card at camp, if you wish.

FATHER'S DAY SCHOLARSHIPS

Again, this year we are offering you the opportunity to honor the important men in your life by giving to the "Camp Luther" Scholarship fund. This fund is used each year to help out our families who are sending their kids to camp. St. Paul strives to pay half of the camp tuition for each child who attends. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund in honor of or in memory of the men of faith in your life, i.e. your father, brother, uncle, etc. please fill out the form in the bulletin and put it in the offering plate along with your check made out to St. Paul. Please write "Camp Luther Scholarship" on the memo line.



There is a suggested donation of \$10. A list of donors and recipients will be listed in the bulletin on Father's Day.

Cards for you to give to the recipient will be available in the narthex beginning in June.

Forms must be turned in by Sunday, June 11 to be listed in the bulletin.

Pastor's Reflections

Since this past December I have been writing a blog post each week that our Office Manager posts on our web page. I must admit that it is sometimes hard to produce a subject with which to write. I try to think of a subject, but it seems like I am running out of subjects to write about.

I wonder though. Have any of you been sharing blog posts with others? This is an especially important part of why I chose to write the blog posts in the first place. I want the posts to be another way that the Gospel is shared and showed to people in the world. When we share the posts it one more way the God can reach the hearts of those who have not heard about Jesus. It is one more way that people who have been hurt can be healed. It is a way people can have hope.

The last Sunday in May is Pentecost Sunday and what many call the birthday of the church. It is also the giving of the Holy Spirit. All the texts focus on the Holy Spirit. The next Sunday – June 4 is Trinity Sunday. This is a time in the church year where we celebrate the mystery and the God made visible. Most all the Sundays after June 4 are what are called – Sunday's After Pentecost. These Sundays in the church year are called ordinary time. Each Sunday of course is a celebration of resurrection and new life. They are also a time to remember the work of the Holy Spirit in and among us.

So as the summer opens, and you and your family do what you do this summer share the Gospel. Share how God has touched your life. Share what it means to have a relationship with Jesus Christ, God's Son. Tell your story of faith and life and struggles and the hope you have encountered in Jesus. Share how the Holy Spirit moves and directs and changes us. Finally, if you get chance share the blog posts. If the person you are sharing with has questions/ concerns/ problems direct them to me – pastor@stpaulshuntington.org. May God bless you and keep you as God uses you to share the Good News this summer.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor KLM <><



Confirmation of
Alexandria Mackey
and Katie Dowis



Dear St. Paul Congregation:

I'd like to share a wee little but perhaps memorable story with you. As you know, we have an excellent choir, and some of its members are experienced and generous enough to abide by my spontaneity on Sunday mornings that is mostly a product of nerves (yes, these never go away!) and the fact that I am an early riser more by training than by nature. Barbara and Tim, but also Carolyn and Keith have heard the question, "Would you mind being cantor today?" many times.

One Sunday early on this Easter season but not too long ago, Barbara canted a great Kyrie and was then waiting for me to give her the pitch of D for the introduction to "This is the feast." Since I am a creature of habit and need time to adjust to change, my eyes went to "Glory to God in the highest" of the same setting instead, which we had sung during Lent. Unfortunately, the latter starts with the pitch of A rather than D, and that's what Barbara got. In an act of courage and faith, she did not take my A, but leaped up a perfect fourth to D on her own and reached my A on the word "feast" in the second measure, from where we continued in unison.

I thought, what a beautiful manifestation of skill, courage, and in a metaphorical but nonetheless true way, faith.

On another note, as every year the choir will break for summer after Holy Trinity. We have a pair of nice anthems prepared for our last two choir Sundays: "Song of Pentecost" by Joel Raney and "Thou Art Holy" by Craig Courtney.

Later in June and July I will travel to Europe to perform in Germany and Italy and also to spend some quality time with my family. I'd like to sincerely thank Keith Wellman and my student Dylan Morgan for agreeing to fill in for me during this time.

Keep up the Faith!

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 Congregation of St. Paul,

It has been a very fast paced month. May is always full of endings and new beginnings. The Youth have been active as well. The LYO went to Roosters for lunch after worship and enjoyed some book and game shopping. They have decided to entertain an escape room for their next adventure in Huntington. A good time was had by all. Sometimes, it is just nice to sit back and enjoy fellowship over a meal to reconnect with one another.

The CCC and LYO group worked to prepare and serve for the Camp Luther Walking Taco Event on May 7th. These groups joined together in word, meal & fellowship and set up and prepared all the desserts and drinks for the luncheon. The youth served a wonderful meal. Many attended our Camp Luther Event. We raised \$737.00 for scholarships to help youth attend Camp Luther. Thank you to all who prepared, served and cleaned up. Thank you kindly to all who gave of your heart and time and made our fellowship full of the Holy Spirit. It truly warms my heart to see our congregation engage, relax, laugh a little and share time and experiences with one another.

We had our last day of Sunday School on May 20th. Our End of The Year celebration, took place on May 31st with pizza and fun in Ritter Park. There is lots of celebrating in the month of May. Pentecost Sunday, May 28th, Alex Mackey and Katie Dowis were confirmed. We prayed and recognized their dedication to the Lord. We also acknowledged and prayed for high school graduates: Will Lindberg, Abby Bell, and Alexavier Barham. We also honored college graduate, Emma Simpkins. All were honored at a reception after worship in the parlor and given gifts from the church. What a beautiful day to celebrate so many youth in our church. We wish the very best for each of them on their new journeys ahead. Always shine your light wherever you may go and go in peace and always serve the Lord.

As we all look forward to summer, vacations, gardening, hiking, traveling, whatever it may be, may you enjoy those moments and share His love in your experiences. Make everyday count. Praise God! Thank God! Love God! Pray to God! Be with God! His will be done! We will have some summer youth activities and Vacation Bible School as well. I hope to see everyone come out and help serve the love and light of Christ with our community.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. - Psalm 89:15

Your Loving Sister in Christ,
Jill





CAMP LUTHER FUNDRAISER



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00am Worship		9:30am Quilting 4:30-6:30 Cridlin Open House				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00am Worship 11:15am Council Meeting	7:00pm Writer's Group	9:30am Quilting 5:00 Southside Preservation Alliance in Un- dercroft				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00am Worship		9:30am Quilting				
Camp Luther Week						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
10:00am Worship		9:30am Quilting				

NADIA BOLZ-WEBER COMING TO CHARLESTON, WV



Nadia Bolz-Weber is an author, Lutheran minister and public theologian. She served as the founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Denver, Colorado, until July 8, 2018. As of this date, she is also a three-time New York Times bestselling memoirist. Bolz-Weber is known for her unusual approach to reaching others through her church. She has produced work in the church that scholar and writer Diana Butler Bass considers part of "a new Reformation"

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 RCCBRR (Religious Coalition for Community Renewal).

In anticipation of Nadia Bolz Weber's visit to West Virginia Pastor Mackey will be leading a discussion of one of her books, "Accidental Saints" during Adult Forum starting August 20. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book you may order it yourself or let Kathy know and she can order it for you. The cost is \$10.00.

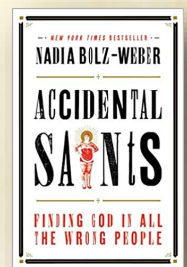
About the book:

In *Accidental Saints*, New York Times best-selling author Nadia Bolz-Weber invites readers into a surprising encounter with what she calls "a religious but not-so-spiritual life." Tattooed, angry and profane, this former standup comic turned pastor stubbornly, sometimes hilariously, resists the God she feels called to serve. But God keeps showing up in the least likely of people—a church-loving agnostic, a drag queen, a felonious Bishop and a gun-toting member of the NRA.

As she lives and worships alongside these "accidental saints," Nadia is swept into first-hand encounters with grace—a gift that feels to her less like being wrapped in a warm blanket and more like being hit with a blunt instrument. But by this grace, people are transformed in ways they couldn't have been on their own.

In a time when many have rightly become dis-illusioned with Christianity, *Accidental Saints* demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share bread and wine, struggle with scripture together, and tell each other the truth about their real lives. This unforgettable account of their faltering steps toward wholeness will ring true for believer and skeptic alike.

Told in Nadia's trademark confessional style, *Accidental Saints* is the stunning next work from one of today's most important religious voices.





GRADUATES

Will Lindberg graduated from Huntington High School. He was a letterman on the Varsity Soccer Team. Will plans to study to become an electrician. Will is the son of Anders Lindberg and Andrea Nicely and grandson of Bonnie Conger.

Abigail Faith Rebekah "Abby" Bell graduated with Very High Honors and was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honorary, and Cross-stitch Club. She also danced 15 years with Huntington Dance Theater. Abby plans to attend Marshall University in the Fall where she will major in exercise physiology and intends to become a physical therapist as a 4th generation Son/Daughter of Marshall. Abby was selected to be a member of Marshall's Dance Team as an incoming freshman for the 2023-2024 year. Abby is the daughter of Sarah Gensler Mariani and granddaughter of Norma Gensler.

Alexavier "Alex" Barham graduated from Hampton High School. He was recognized for maintaining a B average throughout all four years of High School. He will be going to North Carolina A&T in January to study Automotive Engineering. Alex is the son of Laura Baker and Andrew Barham and the grandson of Hayman and Creigh Pemberton.

Emma Simpkins graduated from Mount West with a Certification in Applied Science with a Coding Specialty. She hopes to work at the VA. Emma is the daughter of Tracy and Shannon Simpkins and granddaughter of Gary and Kathy Rea.

Allison Cartee graduated summa cum laude from Emory University with a bachelor's degree in Science. She will be going to Medical School in the fall. Allison is the granddaughter of Poppy Cartee.

Kathryn Jennings graduated from Appalachian State University with honors. She majored in Biology and plans to go into dentistry. She is currently working with an oral surgeon. Kathryn is the daughter of Tara and Tucker Jennings and the granddaughter of Bill and Kay Jennings.

Kirk Jennings graduated from Surry Community College in North Carolina with a degree in Business and Finance. He is currently coaching baseball in Huntington and hopes to continue in this field. Kirk is the son of Tara and Tucker Jennings and grandson of Bill and Kay Jennings.

Shelly Ann Rutherford will be graduating from High Point Central High School. Shelly has played varsity soccer and volleyball during her high school years and was chosen as a tournament conference volleyball player this year. She is currently taking college courses at Guilford Technical Community College where she will continue in the Fall. Shelly is the daughter of Kristen and David Rutherford and granddaughter of Bill and Janet Grimes and Tom and Kary Rutherford.

WORSHIP HELPERS

June 4

Assisting Minister: Steve Golder
Reader: Ruthann Arneson
Communion Deacon: B. Wellman
Bread: Susan Kelz
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt
Flowers:

June 11

Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider
Reader: Annette DuVall
Communion Deacon: Keith Wellman
Bread: Susan Kelz
Acolyte:
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt
Flowers: Ron Pease

June 18

Assisting Minister: David Stuart
Reader: Mary Lou Fricke
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett
Bread: Susan Kelz
Acolyte: Daniel Kist
Ushers: Julie Huron
Flowers: Anne Graybeal

June 25

Assisting Minister: Norma Gensler
Reader: Norma Gensler
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder
Bread: Susan Kelz
Acolyte:
Ushers: Julie Huron
Flowers: Linda Hay

ALTAR GUILD:

Annette DuVall
Mary Lou Fricke

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

CHAPEL CANDLE:

CRIDLIN FOOD and CLOTHING PANTRY

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT
Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry's
OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

4:30-6:30pm

1038 Sixth Avenue

Huntington, WV

Please come and tour our new facility. Because of your dedication to our mission, we will now be better able to serve our community.

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



Greetings Member Churches!

Christian Associates invites all members of your congregations to come and see our new facility on Tuesday June 6th from 4:30 -6:30. We are very excited to show off what all your hard work has accomplished.

We will be moving starting Friday June 2nd (2:30 – 5:30), Saturday June 3rd (11:00 – 4:00), and Sunday, if needed, June 4th (1:00 – 5:00). There is heavy lifting but also packing and sorting jobs. If anyone from your churches would like to help us in this endeavor, you can just show up at Trinity during these times or call me at 304-633-1102.

Thank you in advance and God Bless you all!!

Lynn



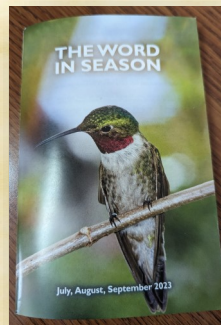
- 1 Norma Gensler
- 8 Bill Jennings; Nora Tucker
- 9 Tom McGill
- 11 Zoe May
- 15 Helen Golder; Carolyn Fornash
- 16 David Porterfield; Alex Mackey; Emma Simpkins
- 19 Judy Cazad
- 23 Kay Jennings
- 25 Jacob Simpkins
- 26 Kevin Knowles
- 27 Frances Case



- 2 Myles and Beth Brown
- 8 Kenny and Jan Kirby
- 15 Bill and Judi Korstanje
- 26 James and Frances Case
- 28 Pat and Cindy Jones; Brock and Shelly Tucker

Worship Attendance for May

Date	in person	Facebook(closed)	Facebook (open)
5/7	65	29	71
5/14	70	36	36
5/21	58	20	20
5/28	89	49	49



The Word in Season for July, August, September is available in the narthex. This devotional is free of charge. Please pick one up on Sunday.



Confirmands Katie and Alex with the flags they made using their favorite Bible verse.



The readings listed below are sent to the congregation each day (Monday-Friday) by email. If you are not currently receiving the Daily Devotional and would like to please contact the church at secretary@stpaulhuntington.org with your email address.

- May 29-June 2: Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
- June 5-9: Hosea 5:15—6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- June 12-16: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9-23)
- June 19-23: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39



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