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5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

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INTRODUCTION

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

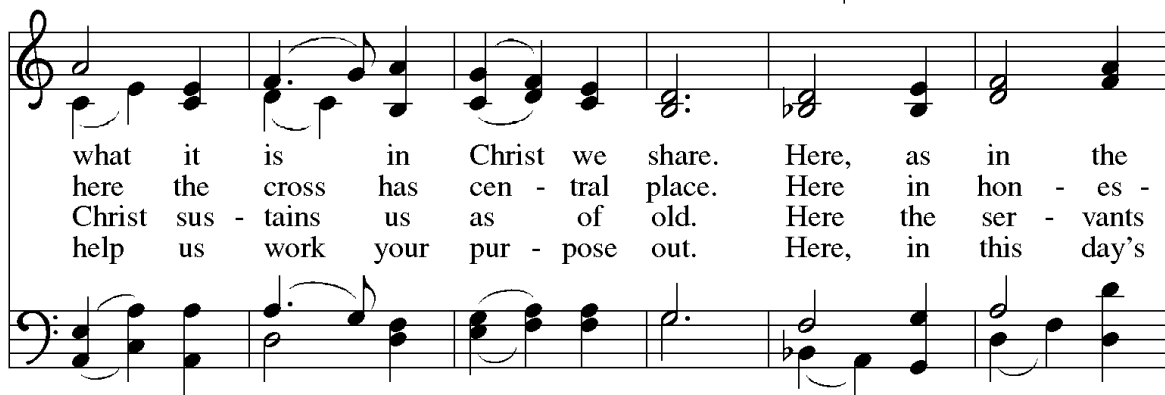
C Amen.



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lydia Weible

P Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Spring Grove Alumni Choir

Anthem Tomlin, Redman, Cash/Arr. Kingsmore
“How Can I Keep from Singing”

Anthem Schutte/Arr. Page
“Here I Am, Lord”

Anthem Arr. Mary McDonald
“Down by the Riverside”

Anthem Arr. Hayes
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”
Soloist: Hal Edris

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah’s rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

L The First Reading according to Jeremiah, chapter 28.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

L The Second Reading according to Romans, chapter 6.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

Spring Grove Alumni Choir

Anthem

Joncas/Arr. Hayes

“On Eagles Wings”

Anthem

Arr. Joel Raney

“Let the Saints Get Up and Sing”

Anthem

Crouch/Arr. Schrader

“Soon and Very Soon”

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.*

THE MEAL

OFFERING HYMN

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

ELW 848

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

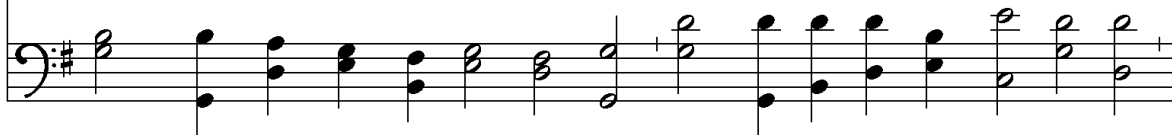
There are several ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates as they are passed. You can give electronically at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give> or scan this QR Code and when the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. We do have cards that you can put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. A supply of those cards is available at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you can give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to give.



***OFFERING RESPONSE** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* ELW 884



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray,
Loving God,

**C we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.**

***DIALOGUE**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*All are welcome to commune.
If you wish to receive communion from your seat, let an usher know.
If you are in need of gluten free wafers, please ask at the bread station.
Grape juice is available in the prefilled cups next to the empty ones.*

*AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
 love ex - pressed,
 church, re - joice,

Spring Grove Alumni Choir

Anthem

Arr. M. Sands

“Go Out in Peace”

***DISMISSAL**

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are comfortable

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	<u>June 28</u>	<u>July 5</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Bill & Deb Sowers (6/27)	No Sat. Night Service on 7/4
Assisting Minister	Bill Sowers	Deb Sowers
Acolyte	Leah Kaltreider	Matthew Kaltreider
Lay Reader	Michelle Johnson	Donna Lehman
Communion Distributors	Sherry Cracium-Bolin	Suzanne Butler
	Russ Kaltreider	Janet Haack
Ushers	Todd Boller	Bob Colehouse, Dan Fuhrman
	Phil Little	Glenn Alwine, Kingsley Walkins
Altar Committee	Amy Feeser	Linda Knapp
	Suzanne Butler	Sally Lovelace

ONE OF THE ALTAR FLOWER VASES is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Julie Ann and Mark Markle by John J. Markle and family.

ONE OF THE ALTAR FLOWER VASES is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Beth Fissel on June 28th by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Zellers, Jennifer, Bill and Jocelyn.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of our 35th wedding anniversary on June 29th by Dale and Connie McIntyre.

ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES THE SPRING GROVE ALUMNI CHORUS TODAY. The chorus was formed in 1997 to perform a benefit concert for the Spring Grove Scholarship Foundation. The group now offers a \$1,000 Lee H. Sands music scholarship annually. The chorus has been performing for 29 years. The group has been led by director, Lee H. Sands, Director Emeritus, Jess Betlyon, and is currently led by Deb Smith. Summer church visits are directed by Joann Luckenbaugh. The chorus presents a Christmas concert, a Spring concert, and performs at various churches over the summer.

MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS CONTINUE ON WEDNESDAYS. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

**Both the Pastor's Office and the Church Office will be closed this week.
Pastor Jason is Chaplain at Camp Nawakwa and Carmen is on vacation.
Emergency phone messages will be responded to by Pastor Jason.
All other messages and emails will be answered the week of July 6.**

EACH MONDAY, children and families will receive a weekly email devotion (including a video and printable activities) from our Christian Education committee. Contact the church office if you did not receive one last week and are interested in being on our email mailing list

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio-July 12, 19 & 26 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-July 12 (1 vase at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine-July 12, 19 & 26 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-July 12, 19 & 26 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- July 12, 19 & 26 (\$10 each date)

PENTECOST PRAYERS: The candle and pinwheel displays in the front of the sanctuary represent where members of our congregation see LIGHT in our world and PRAYERS that we lift to heaven, asking the Spirit to intercede for us. Thanks be to God!

JUNE'S DESIGNATED GIVING - McSherrystown Senior Center

JULY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING - THE LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. St. Paul's Members and Friends....this month our designated giving targets The Lutheran Camping Corp. of Central PA (LutheranCamping.org). The Lutheran Camping Corp. includes both Nawakwa in Arendtsville, PA and Kirchenwald in Lebanon, PA.

We have the opportunity to support the Lutheran Camping Corp. with our Special Designated Giving this July. Please assist these wonderful camps with prayers and generous giving!

COOPERATIVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 - We are planning on having VBS for children ages 5 – 10 on Monday, July 27 thru Friday, July 31 from 9:30 - 12:00 noon located at St. Mark's Fellowship Hall and is a cooperative ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (York Street) and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

The theme this year is "**Camping with God**". Registration is limited to 40 with a waiting list. We will need quite a few volunteers with clearances. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call 717-637-5941 or email assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org. Please consider volunteering to help with this important community event.

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO HELP LEAD WORSHIP BY OFFERING THE PRAYER OF THE DAY DURING SUNDAY SERVICES! This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to share their voices and participate in the life of the church. Children may sign up on the sheet outside the pastor's office. The prayer will be provided ahead of time, and we are happy to help any child who would like assistance practicing. We hope many of our children will take part in this meaningful way to serve in worship!

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITY - As our music program takes a break for the summer months, we invite members of the congregation to share their musical gifts during worship. If you would be willing to provide special music, be it vocal or instrumental, solo or group; we ask you to please sign up on the sheet outside the pastor's office. Summer music is a meaningful way to enrich our worship and offer praise to God through the gifts given to the people in our congregation. Thank you for considering how you might participate in the life and worship of our congregation this summer.

AS WE PREPARE for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday this September, we want to make sure everyone has a t-shirt! The t-shirt design has not changed from previous years. If you need a **new shirt** or have never received one, please sign up on the sheet outside Pastor's office. Be sure to indicate your size. Orders need to be placed by August 1.

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH! Join Pastor Jason for **Alive!** at Camp Nawakwa, **September 24–26**. Spend a weekend making new friends, reconnecting with church friends, enjoying camp activities, and exploring your faith together. Alive! is a Synod-sponsored retreat, and thanks to the Adventures in Ministry Fund, the registration fee will be fully covered. Sign up on the sheet outside Pastor's office by August 1.



BACK TO SCHOOL TIME will be here before you know it and the Faith In Action Committee is looking to fill backpacks for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF again this year.

Last year we had such a good response that we decided to try to fill 108 School Kits again. We had a lot of supplies left from last year that we will use this year but we do still need some items to fill the backpacks that we purchased.

We will start collecting these items in July and fill the backpacks in early September. Look for the collection boxes in the hallway. Watch for sales that will help you in your purchases.

Here is a list of items that we need;

- 432 - 70-80 sheet **SPIRAL** notebooks of wide or college lined paper approximately 8"X 10 1/2". **NO** loose leaf paper
- 53 - pencil sharpeners
- 107 - pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 344 - **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers
- 387 - black or blue ballpoint pens (**NO** gel ink)
- 101 - boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 31 – 2-1/2" eraser

We will try to keep you informed of what has come in and what is needed. We had so many rulers last year that we don't need any this year because we have enough left to fill this year's backpacks.

We thank you for your generosity and your help with this project over the years. We have made a difference in the lives of many children as well as adults around the world.

