

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH VISITOR

## JUNE 2026

*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.*



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

We will recognize the following graduates on June 7 with a reception afterward: Jacob Hale, Cameron May, Owen Murray, Brier Wagner and Emma Korstanje.



### JOINT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At Christ the King Lutheran Church  
5700 US 60 Huntington, WV 25705

July 6-10

Dinner served at 5:30pm

Program from 6:00-8:00pm

If you would like to volunteer to help please sign up in the narthex.

## Pastor's Reflections

In my heart of hearts, I am a teacher. I came about it honestly. My father and several uncles and my Grandmother Mackey were all teachers. My grandmother taught in first grade for many years before her eventual retirement.

This heart for teaching naturally flows into my work as a pastor. In every parish I have served I tell Call Committees this self-knowledge. My sermons mix in a lot of teaching. My pastoral conversations seek to be opportunities for teaching. My writing includes teaching.

As I prepare for Sunday's sermon on Trinity Sunday, I found an interesting tidbit about the Gospel text from Matthew 28: 16-20. Many have entitled this text as: The Great Commission. As sometimes happens when the church gives titles to passages, the texts are much more nuanced. Many talk about Matthew 28: 16 20 as an evangelism text, but the Greek word for make disciples means teaching as in adherent, loyalist, or devoted pupil. I like that explanation. I like it because I am a teacher at heart. I like that explanation because I am a Christian who practices my faith in the Lutheran way and Luther had a PhD in Bible.

Here is the other thing, this text does not have to be either/or. I would suggest to you that it is both an evangelism text "GO" and it is a teaching text "MAKE DISCIPLES. "

So as this summer opens for you and your family what is the way you can GO, and you can MAKE DISCIPLES? It might be an interesting question to ponder during vacation time, traveling time or just staying at home and enjoying a time of rest and relaxation.

Blessings on your journey,  
Pastor KLM <><

## CAMP LUTHER 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 8. Forms must be turned in by Sunday, June 8 to be listed in the bulletin.

*Camp Luther*  
*Scholarships*  
**Honoring the men in our lives**

Those who hope in the Lord will  
walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:2



Dear St. Paul Congregation:

We celebrated Pentecost with a collaboration between the choir and the children. The anthem “Song of Pentecost” by Joel Raney included an easy percussion part and I had asked Jill for one or two kids to play the shakers. Out of one or two became nine... I thought it was a fun experience and hope we will do something similar in the future. Thank you, Jill!

We are fortunate to have occasional guest musicians enriching our service. On Mother’s Day, Kamine Haghighi joined us and – two weeks later, on Pentecost – her twin sister Katherine Becker Mansouri visited. We are so grateful for Kamine and Katherine joining the choir and taking on the cantor part.

A word about the music selections: I am trying to be traditional in the sense that the music selections belonging to the liturgy are related to the Word and/or the church season (prelude and postlude technically are not part of the core liturgy). At the same time, I realize that we celebrate secular holidays and other events that move many of us, and church is about celebrating life here on earth, too, through community and fellowship. When choosing music for Mother’s Day or the day before Memorial Day (this year: Pentecost), I try to plan music to build bridges between the sacred and the secular (building bridges is always good, isn’t it?). On Mother’s Day this year, I chose music that reminded us of Mary, the Mother of Jesus: for instance in the choral anthem *Ave verum corpus* by Mozart (Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary). On Pentecost, I included “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (the Navy hymn) as our sending hymn, in recognition of the sacrifice of those in the armed forces and a plea for their protection. While being appropriate for Memorial Day, “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” also made sense within our church year: the first stanza refers to God the Father, the second to Jesus calming the raging sea, and the third to the Holy Spirit. The last stanza mentions the Holy Trinity, which we celebrate on the Sunday after Pentecost.

On Holy Trinity Sunday (May 31), the choir will sing for the last time before the summer break. Thank you so much to each and every one of you – I look forward to reconvening in August!

Henning



Dear St. Paul Lutheran Congregation,

What a joyful and faith-filled month we have shared together! We enjoyed a wonderful taco bar fundraiser held in honor of Pastor Wick to support the Camp Luther Scholarship Fund. Many gathered after worship for a fun-filled lunch of food, fellowship, and fiesta spirit. Thanks to the generosity of our church family, we raised over \$700 to help support our youth attending Camp Luther. Our youth worked hard decorating, serving, and cleaning up after the event, and it was a blessing to see them joyfully serving others.

On Mother's Day, our youth joined in celebrating with the congregation after worship in the parlor, where sweet treats and fellowship were shared by all. We also celebrated a very special birthday at CCC as Jaylyn Garnett turned 10 years old. With the assistance of the choir and piano accompaniment by Henning, we joyfully sang "Happy Birthday" together. Moments like these remind us how special our church family truly is.

Our youth have also been busy preparing for Pentecost by practicing percussion instruments to accompany the choir during the offering song. This was an exciting and meaningful learning experience for everyone involved. The youth and choir did an amazing job filling the church with beautiful music and joyful praise while allowing the Holy Spirit to move through worship in a powerful way.

In addition, several of our youth have participated in acolyte and crucifer training with the help of Emma Arneson. They truly love taking part in worship services, and a few have even expressed interest in volunteering as ushers. It is wonderful to watch them grow in confidence, faith, and service as they share God's love and light within our congregation.

Thank you for your continued encouragement, prayers, and support for our youth ministry. Your kindness and faithfulness help nurture these young hearts as they grow in Christ and learn to serve others with joy.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of our youth and for the many ways You are working through them. Continue to guide their hearts, strengthen their faith, and fill them with joy as they serve You and others. Bless our congregation as we grow together in love, fellowship, and service. May Your Holy Spirit continue to lead and inspire us each day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Your loving sister in Christ,  
Jill

We have nine youth and two adults who will be attending Camp Luther this year during the week of June 21. If you would like to send them a card please see the example below for addressing the card:

Katie Dowis, Senior Camp  
Bella Stone, Senior Camp (friend of Katie Dowis)  
Alex Mackey-Senior Camp  
Annie Workman-Senior Camp (friend of Alex Mackey)  
Cameron May-Senior Camp  
Zoe McMillion-Junior Camp (granddaughter of Susan and Dale Kelz)  
Karigan Railey-Junior Camp (friend of Willow May)  
Willow May-Junior Camp  
Jaylyn Garnett-Junior Camp  
Pastor Mackey-Junior Camp Teacher  
Abby Bell—Intermediate Camp Counselor



**EXAMPLE:**

Katie Dowis  
Senior Camp  
Camp Luther c/o Camp Caesar  
Cowen, WV 26206-0428

*It is strongly suggested that you mail cards/letters on Thursday, June 18 to give them plenty of time to arrive before camp is over.*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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



The Book Club will meet on June 17 at 10:00am in the parlor. We will be discussing "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. Please join us!

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



### Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

In June we will collect cans of diced tomatoes. Please leave your donations in the containers in the narthex.

## WORSHIP HELPER SCHEDULE

DATE	READER	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION DEACON	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTE	USHERS	BREAD
6/7	Keith Wellman	David Stuart	Jan Kirby	No crucifer in summer	Jaylyn Garnett	Dale and Susan Kelz	
6/14	Emma Arneson	Bernadette Wellman	Jenny Murray	No crucifer in summer	Jackson Wellman	Dale and Susan Kelz	
6/21	Ruthann Arneson	Keith Wellman	Creigh Pemberton	No crucifer in summer	Kennady Kist	Dale and Susan Kelz	
6/28	Annette DuVall	Emma Arneson	David Stuart	No crucifer in summer	Willow May	Dale and Susan Kelz	

Altar Guild: Mary Lou Fricke and Jan Kirby

Chapel and Sanctuary Lamps:



We pray for: LaDonna, Helen, Opal, Stephen, Helen, April, Rene, Elisha, Tessa, Bill, Eric, Teresa, Steve, Luke and Jake.



# Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you would like to give one to someone in need of comfort and prayer. Cards are also available to give with the shawls. These shawls are made by members of St. Paul and are offered free of charge.



## COMMUNION RECORD

Please fill out a communion card each time you take communion. Cards are in the pews in the same section as the offering envelopes. Cards can be placed in the offering plate. If you are in the choir, cards are available in the choir room to be placed in the basket along with your offering.



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More information: ☎ (304) 697-1274 ✉ [office@fiarivercities.org](mailto:office@fiarivercities.org)

Can you help?



CAMP LUTHER TACO BAR FUND RAISER



BIRTHDAY GIRL JAYLYN GARNETT





ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER TRAINING



The youth accompanied the choir for Pentecost Sunday





PENTECOST SUNDAY



# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor at QRT	2 9:30am Quilting	3	4	5 SYNOD ASSEMBLY	6
7 10:00am Worship	8	9 9:30am Quilting	10	11	12	13
14 10:00am Worship  11:15am Council Meeting	15	16 9:30am Quilting	17 10:00am Book Club	18	19	20
21 10:00am Worship	22	23 9:30am Quilting	24	25	26	27
CAMP LUTHER WEEK						
28 10:00am Worship	29	30 9:30am Quilting  Pastor at QRT				