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### OFFERINGS

Your offering is still very important to continue the mission of St. Paul. Please mail your offering to the church address:

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## ST. PAUL VISITOR

### AUGUST 2021

*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.*

### WORSHIP

We will have in person worship during August..  
The service will also be live streamed on Facebook and posted on our YouTube channel.



We pray for...

LaDonna, Charles, Anne,  
Jackie, Marty, Judy,  
Clarice, Rachel and Nora.

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.



Our YouTube channel is up and running! You can find it at "St. Paul Lutheran Church Huntington, WV" on YouTube. You can go on anytime to find worship services and Bible Study. Be sure to click on "subscribe" while you are there!

### FACEBOOK

If you are not already a member of our church Facebook group please join us!

We are "St. Paul Lutheran Congregation Group"

### OFFICE HOURS

Generally someone is in the church office Monday through Thursday from 9:30am-1:30pm. If you are planning to come to the church please call beforehand to make sure Pastor or Kathy is there.

## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

One of my favorite Bible passages is from the book of Philippians chapter 4, verses 4 to 7 (emphasis has been added): **"Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS again I say Rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.** I guess I like this passage because when the "stuff" of life seems to overwhelm and seemingly take control this passage reminds us that God is still with us through all the "stuff" of life.

One of the things (stuff) of life happening in August is that the schools around the country are making decisions with medical personnel and scientists about the opening of school. Each community is having to look at how to move forward given that the virus is still out and about with the help of the variants. You probably have heard of the Delta Variant and its steady move through our world. What does this mean for us? Does it make you more anxious about sending your children/ grandchildren back to in person school?

I know I am concerned as a parent to a 12-year-old rising seventh grader. But I also know that Kathy and I have done all we can to protect and keep Alex safe and away from this deadly virus that doesn't seem to want to go away. This is also where I turn to the Word and in particular the passage from Philippians that I have quoted above. It's a reminder that Alex and all our students are not alone. It is a reminder to parents that we claim the "peace of God that surpasses all understanding" as we move forward this school year.

To help you as Paul says to his beloved Philippians: "guard your hearts and minds (and total selves) in Christ Jesus" I have included in this month's newsletter a couple of prayers you are encouraged to pray throughout the month of August as school gets back into the swing. Please add these to your daily prayers as our school personnel, children and youth need all the prayers that we can muster. Thank you in advance.

May God continue to guide us and keep us these days as we move forward in and through the love of Christ.  
Your partner in the journey,  
Pastor Kevin <><

## PRAYERS FOR "Back to School"

Lord God, you know the challenges our kids are facing this year. And most importantly, I know you love them more than we can imagine. I pray for each of our students that are starting a new school, hoping to make new friends and especially those kids who struggle with social interactions. I pray for those students who have moved to a new area and are starting over- that they would find a warm welcome in their new environment. Lord, we lift up those who have been out of their "normal" school environment for a long time and are anxious to resume school as they once knew it. Amen

This year, I ask Lord God that you prepare our kids mentally against:

- Any potential disruptions in routine
- Interruptions in their educational process
- Fears and worries of all the unknowns
- Any other insecurities or doubts – real or imagined- that distract and discourage

I pray that you Lord God protect our kids physically against:

- Illness, injury, and thoughts of self-harm
- Violence and unrest
- Accidents – especially for those learning to drive and who are riding with friends
- Any and all unsafe persons they may encounter

Lord God, please grant all of these students a fruitful, fun, and engaging school environment where each child feels included, cared-for and inspired to grow in character as well as knowledge.

I pray that our kids would be the friend that every child wants and needs, and that your love and joy would be evident in their lives. Amen



As we enter the month of August, we hang onto the last few moments of summer from fresh fruits and veggies from the garden, to the bugs chirping at night and to the birds singing so early in the morning. God's beauty is all around us. I hope you take this beauty in and appreciate it with true thankfulness. We are so blessed!

As the summer continues, the youth have engaged in movie night and an ice cream social after worship with great thanks to the Fellowship team. We are thankful to come together to worship, evangelize and enjoy fellowship, friendship, and family. We are planning our Pray🙏🏡Love❤️Share<>> VBS on Tuesday, August 10-Thursday, August 12 from 6-8pm. Our VBS will be held outside this year. We will have food & fellowship outside to kick off VBS and rotations of crafts, music & bible stories. We will end each night in Miller Park with yoga, prayer & popsicles! We will need a lot of help from our congregation. I have made a list of supplies and volunteer positions needed. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex or you can call or text me 304-634-4473. Please prayerfully consider to help in a way that reflects your gifts from God. Help where your heart sees fit. I pray we unite as one in Christ to teach others to pray first, love one another and share the Good News through our community. As always, Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

Your Loving Sister in Christ,  
Jill





Dear St. Paul Congregation,

I am writing from a desk in my room at my mother's condo in Bad Oeynhausen, Germany, a picturesque spa town from the 19<sup>th</sup> century in the northeast of North-Rhine Westfalia. North-Rhine-Westfalia and Rhineland-Palatinate were the two German states most affected by the floods in mid-July, but thankfully our area is just far enough removed from the natural disaster to not sustain any damage. The weather has actually been fairly nice (for rainy northern-German standards).

I have enjoyed the past four weeks spending time with family and friends. My godmother lives just a few streets away and has a grand piano that I can use any time for teaching (via FaceTime) and practicing. She lives alone in a big house and loves to cook, so my cousins and I often get together at her place. My mother and I also visited my brother and his family a few times, who just moved to their new house in the Lüneburg Heath, a large area of heath and woodland in northern Germany. My two nieces are now five and almost three years old. They love jungle gyms (especially the little one climbs on everything, as high as possible) and when I read to them. In the pictures, you can see my two nieces and me inside the Lutheran church near my brother's new home. I am pointing at the organ.

I traveled quite a bit in northern Germany and caught up with friends and colleagues in Lübeck, Lüneburg, and Hannover. One highlight was an impromptu mini-reunion on the occasion of our 25-year high school graduation anniversary that lasted into the wee hours of the morning. And, of course, we paid homage to my late father at his grave at the beginning of my trip and yesterday, his two-year day of passing.

Now, it is time to prepare for my journey back to Huntington. With a bit of luck and your prayers, I should arrive late on Saturday, July 31 and be ready to play for the Sunday morning service on August 1. Travels from the US to Germany went smoothly, so there is good reason to believe that everything will go well on the return trip, too.

I want to thank Keith Wellman one more time for "tickling the ivories" in my absence. I am so glad that we have people like Keith and all the choir members in our church and cannot wait to continue the music ministry in a more "normal" fashion this coming year.

In this context, I'd like to encourage you to approach me, if you are interested in participating musically in our worship services. You are welcome to visit choir rehearsals any time, without obligation. Simply stop by and see if it's something for you. Also, don't be shy to talk to me if you or your children would like to contribute a one-time musical performance. I am more than willing to work with you or your child. There is plenty of music out there on any level that we can fit in well as prelude, postlude, offertory music, during communion, or in other appropriate places. Just talk to me and we will make it work.

Best wishes, also from my German family, and See you soon!

Henning



# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00am Worship "Christmas in August"		9:00am Quilting		Bible Study on YouTube		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:00am Outdoor Worship Confirmation After worship	7:00pm Writer's Group	9:00am Quilting	<div>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 10-12 6:00PM-8:00PM</div>		Bible Study on YouTube	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:00am Worship "Backpack Blessing"		9:00am Quilting		Bible Study on YouTube		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:00am Worship		9:00am Quilting		Bible Study on YouTube		
29	30	31				
10:00am Worship		9:00am Quilting				





The Social Ministry committee will again be donating items to the Ronald McDonald House with your help. Beginning July 11 through August 1 there will be a box in the Narthex to place your donations. The items listed below are food items from their "Wish List". If you are unable to shop, you may write a check to St. Paul Lutheran Church and please note CIA. You can place it in the offering plate or send it to the church. Thank you for your help in the past and now.

Cereal bars	granola bars	instant breakfast	crackers
cookies	juice boxes	instant oatmeal	fruit cups
Easy Mac/Chef Boyardee	single serve anything kid-friendly		shelf-stable milk



In celebration of our "Christmas in August" ministry, Henning will be playing Christmas carols at worship on August 1. Please plan to join us!

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.



If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or someone else there are several ways you can do this:

Call the church office at 304-525-9630 and request a name to be put on the prayers that are read on Sunday morning.

Call the church office and request that a prayer email be sent out to the congregation

Request prayer on our Facebook page—"St. Paul Lutheran Congregation Group"

You may also email the church at [secretary@stpaulhuntington.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulhuntington.org)

On Sunday, August 15 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.



## Outdoor Worship Service

We will be having outdoor worship services on the following dates:

August 8

Please bring a lawn chair.

### CONFIRMATION

The confirmation students and their families will meet with Pastor Mackey on the following dates right after worship. These are the same days that we will be having outdoor worship. You may bring your lunch with you if you like.

August 8



### Worship Helpers for August

**Altar Guild:** Barbara Garnett, Zak Garnett, Tiffany Chapman

**Reader/Worship Assistant**

August 1	Steve Golder
August 8	Norma Gensler
August 15	Doug Korstanje
August 22	Linda Schneider
August 29	David Stuart

**Flowers:**

Wellmans

Bill and Judi Korstanje

Wellmans

**Candles:**

Wellmans



# Pray Love Share <>< VBS

8/10/21-8/12/21 6-8pm

## Schedule:

6:00-6:30- Gather & Fellowship

- Snack Supper provided

6:30-6:50- Music (Group #1)

6:50-7:10- Crafts (Group #2)

7:10-7:30- Bible Story (Group #3)

7:30-8:00-Yoga & Prayer at Miller Park

Day 1- Pray first

Song- The Lord's Prayer

Craft- Pray, Love, Share- solar bandana

Story- Matthew 6:5-15- The Lord's Prayer

Day 2- Love one another

Song-Jesus Loves Me & Zaccheus

Craft- Rock painting

Story— John 14:15-21 -The Promise of the Holy Spirit- pg. 450 & Luke 19:1-10 Zaccheus pg. 400

Day 3- Share the Good News

Song- He is the vine & We are the Branches, His banner over me is Love

Craft- Potted plant

Story- John 15:1-27- Jesus the Vine- pg. 452

## Snack Supper for VBS

Tuesday 8/10/21

Chicken Nuggets

Goldfish

Grapes

Kool-aid/Water

Wednesday 8/11/21

mini pancakes

syrup(we have)

fruit snacks

watermelon

kook-aid/water

Thursday 8/12/21

Hotdogs

Hotdog buns

ketchup

mustard(we have)

Chips

cookies

lemonade/water



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## Volunteers Needed for VBS

Please sign up in the narthex if you can help

Registration Table: 2 Adults  
Kitchen Staff/ Fellowship servers: 4 Adults  
Music- 1 Adult/ 1-2 youth  
Craft- 1 Adult/ 1-2 youth  
Bible Story- 2 Adults & 1 youth /night  
Pray Group -Pre-K- K-2 Adult Leaders/1-2 youth  
Love Group -1st-3rd-2 Adults/ 1 youth  
Share Group -4th, 5th & Above-2 Adults/1 youth  
Yoga - Instructor  
Prayer- Pastor  
Popsicle Patrol- 2 to pass out

## Supplies Needed for VBS

Please sign up in the narthex if you can help

2 boxes of sandwich ziploc bags	6 bags of mini pancakes( Walmart)
2 boxes of gallon size ziploc bags	100 hotdogs
250 small plates	100 hotdog buns
250 dixie cups	ketchup- big bottle
250 small drinking cups	relish- squeeze bottle
500 napkins	3 packages of oreos
100 packages of fruit snacks	3 packages of chips ahoy
2-4 large boxes of goldfish	2-4 canisters of kool-aid
4 watermelons	2-4 canisters of pink lemonade or lemonade
2 packages green grapes	
2 packages red grapes	6-8 EZ up tents to use outside- if we can borrow for 3 days please let us know.
100 individual small bags of chips	
6 bags of chicken nuggets	

## Pastor Bible Study on YouTube

Join Pastor Mackey each Thursday as he presents a Bible Study based on the texts for the upcoming Sunday. Each study will be posted to YouTube by 12 noon each Thursday. The study will have two parts focused on the following questions: 1. What does the text say? 2. What does the text mean for me in my walk as a follower of Christ?

August 5 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 4:25—5:2, John 6: 35, 41-51

August 12 – Mary, Mother of our Lord

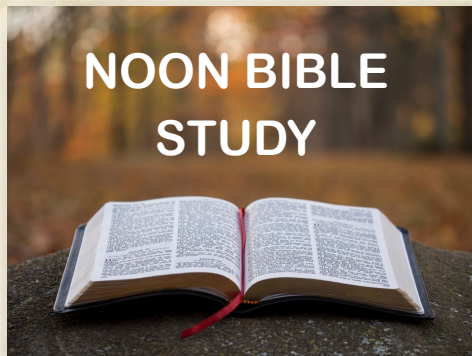
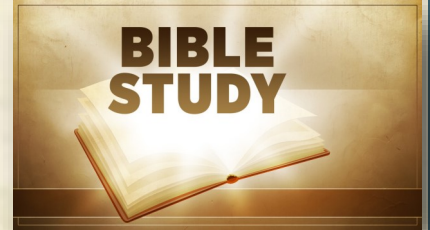
Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1: 46-55

August 19 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6: 56-69

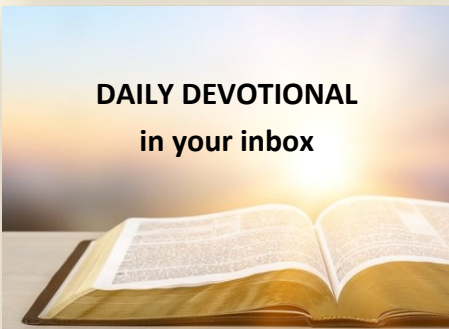
August 26 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



### NOON BIBLE STUDY COMING BACK

Pastor Mackey will once again be offering a Noon Bible Study beginning in September. The first session will be on Thursday, September 2 and will begin at 12 noon. Each Thursday at noon pastor will have a set of questions to guide our discussion that are focused on the lessons for the upcoming Sunday worship. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch with them. Come and join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we study the Word of God together.



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](mailto:secretary@stpaulhuntington.org) with your email address.

### READINGS FOR AUGUST

July 26-July 30: Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 2-6: Ephesians 4:25—5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 9-13: Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1: 46-55

August 16-20: Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 23-27: James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

August 30-September 3: James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37



## PRAYER VENTURES FOR AUGUST

- 1** What do we seek or yearn for when we follow Christ; what proof do we plead for when told of God's presence, activity and infinite power? Pray that the Spirit will stir in us an enduring faith in God's word and promises that does not depend on miracles, signs or personal favors.
- 2** Pray for people in our country and around the world who are suffering from persistent drought and extreme heat. Ask God to keep them safe, restore life-giving water to their lands and grant us the wisdom to use our water resources with respect, responsibility, restraint and concern for the present and the future.
- 3** Pray for women of all ages convening digitally for the Eleventh Triennial Convention of the Women of the ELCA. Pray for their time together as they conduct business, elect leaders, grow in faith, support and encourage one another, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, our society and the world.
- 4** Pray for young-adult, lay and professional religious leaders participating in the interreligious summer school of the World Council of Churches' Bossey Ecumenical Institute in Switzerland. The summer school will examine issues of religious pluralism and intercultural acceptance in a society based on migration and globalization.
- 5** Though we have different gifts, perspectives, life experiences and passions as siblings in Christ and children of God, pray that we will receive and take to heart God's assurance that our faith and baptism unite us to do God's work in the world, together.
- 6** Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Slovakia: Rachel Bossuyt, Megan Freudenberg, Jonathan Kent, Jennifer Norberg, Edward Patricks, Naomi and Nicholas Sveholm, the Rev. Kyle and Anna Svennungsen, John Rogers and Sue Strekal.
- 7** Remember in prayer victims of gun violence, their families and friends, impacted communities and all who are working to prevent gun violence in our country. Ask God to remind us that when anyone suffers, grieves or experiences trauma, we are all affected.
- 8** Give thanks that God reveals the true Jesus and what he has accomplished for humankind through Scripture and the work of the Spirit. When gathering for the sacramental meal, give thanks for the clarity of Jesus' words: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6:51).
- 9** Give thanks for the critical work and ministry we accomplish together in the world through Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). Our generous support and prayers and the work of LDR and its partners bring God's hope, healing, renewal and assistance to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.
- 10** Pray for teachers, school staff and administrators who have begun a new school year, and for those who are preparing to open schools. Ask God to sharpen their wisdom and judgment as they make decisions for protecting the health and well-being of students and responding to social, emotional and academic needs that have surfaced because of the pandemic.
- 11** We are not perfect [in our actions, motives or relationships](#), but we can be imitators of Jesus and follow Paul's urging to "put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:31-32). Give thanks and praise that we live each day in God's grace and forgiveness.
- 12** *International Youth Day: "Transforming Food Systems"* Pray for youth and adults working together to implement stable and sustainable food production, provide equitable food distribution, address nutrition-related chronic diseases, improve nutrition education and decision-making, and seek new solutions to other complex issues related to food systems, nutrition and the environment.
- 13** Give thanks and praise to God, for the Lord is good, delivers us from our fears and offers a welcoming refuge.
- 14** [Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in learning, choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.](#)
- 15** Pray that Mary's song in the Gospel of Luke will remind us of God's power, mercy, loving kindness, concern for the humble and neighbors in need, and great work in the world for our sake.

**16** Pray for Lutheran Men in Mission and other congregational ministries for men, that they will flourish, equip new leaders, respond to the needs of men of all ages, inspire men to share their faith, and help men support one another as they witness to the gospel through their relationships, actions, service and words.

**17** Pray that we will trust and honor God's word and ways, and heed the psalmist's urging: "Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it" (Psalm 34:13-14).

**18** Give thanks for our church's commitment to lifelong learning and biblical and theological education for laypeople and leaders through the Lay Schools for Ministry network and other programs.

**19** Give thanks to God that the Spirit fills us and gathers us as siblings in Christ to worship and praise our Creator, care for one another, serve our neighbor and share the good news of Christ in our daily life.

**20** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them [in learning, choosing leaders](#), proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

**21** Give thanks for ELCA Racial Justice Ministries, which encourages us to embrace each person and confront barriers of race, ethnicity, culture, class, religion, age, gender, family and sexual orientation that often manifest themselves in unjust treatment, inequality, exclusion and violence.

**22** Pray that we will follow Jesus and grow in faith and trust even when we are perplexed by the mysteries of our faith, have questions and doubts, or wonder how to respond to God's call to serve our neighbors and share the gospel.

**23** Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in the Middle East and North Africa, including the Rev. Christie Manisto and Steven Saari (Egypt), the Rev. Carrie Ballenger ([Israel/Palestine](#)) and the Rev. Gabi and Rev. Meghan Aelabouni (Israel/Palestine).

**24** Give thanks and praise that God hears our cries for help, attends to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirits are crushed and rescues us from our troubles.

**25 We pray that God's saving power through Jesus Christ will be known throughout the world, that all may praise God and sing for joy.**

**26** Thank God for the young adults who have served in Lutheran outdoor ministries this summer, and pray that they will continue to respond to God's call to use their experience, gifts and passion for doing God's work in other settings and ministries throughout the year.

**27** Ask God to equip us spiritually with everything we need to resist darkness, evil and temptation so that we will be bold, living witnesses of God's love, mercy, truth, goodness and power.

**28** Pray for volunteers, leaders and staff who are planning fall programs for congregations, that these will enable all ages to deepen their faith and their understanding of Scripture, to serve their neighbor, to share the gospel and to do God's work in the world.

**29** What Lutheran traditions are most important and influential in your life? Where did they originate, and what is their significance in your congregation? Ask God to open our hearts and minds to reflect on the purpose and impact of our traditions and practices and whether they help us honor God's will and deepen our faith or distract us from enriching our faith and practicing openness and hospitality.

**30** Pray for our ELCA colleges, universities and seminaries, that God will bless and further their work of education, encouraging faith, helping students discern their vocations and equipping leaders for the church and world.

**31** Pray that the Spirit will fill us with God's goodness and truth, making us hearers and doers of the word — God's word.





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