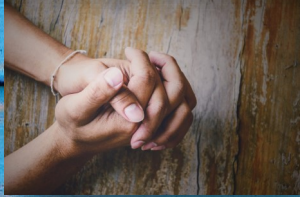




# ST. PAUL VISITOR JULY/AUGUST 2022

*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, Anne, Judy, Debbie, Al, Dave, Elizabeth, Jon, Abby, Tom, Helen, Ernie, Patty, Corissa, Alyssa, Jerome, Charles, Cecelia and Susan.

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.

## FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastor Kevin Mackey has faithfully served both St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church for the past year and for that we are thankful. But it's now time for some well-deserved rest for Pastor. Your Church Council has approved a plan that will help Pastor recharge and prepare for a dynamic Fall effort to grow our congregation and again expand God's ministry in our community.

Pastor Mackey will be on sabbatical for the entire month of July. Our goal is to allow Pastor to step away from all his pastoral duties, including Sunday worship and weekly ministry to the congregation. In his absence, several pastors will be helping us during the month. Pastor Jim Wicker is familiar to many of you as the former pastor of Cross of Grace Lutheran Church in Hurricane. Pastor Wicker will be here at St. Paul for Sunday worship on July 3 and July 17. He will also help during the entire month with emergency ministry needs. Pastor Sherri Shaffer will be at St. Paul on July 10. Bishop Matthew Riegel will join us to conduct services on July 24 and July 31.

If you have any needs or concerns during the entire month of July, please call me directly on my cell phone at 304-638-9764, or you can call council member Doug Korstanje at 304-633-1219. All council members and some other members of the congregation will also help as we support this time of renewal for Pastor.

Jenny Murray

## 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.

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.

## OFFERINGS

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

721 12th Avenue  
Huntington, Wv 25701

## Pastor's Reflections

I am what people call a "Trekkie." What this means is that I enjoy Star Trek in all its forms. Kathy and I have been watching on Paramount Plus streaming service one of those forms of Star Trek called *Discovery*. It has been fascinating and interesting and thought provoking all at once. The show focuses around one character named Michael. Michael is a woman who eventually assumes the role of captain on the ship *Discovery*. Michael gets into a lot of trouble during many of the episodes. She always seems to get out of trouble with her shipmates, but it takes a while for her shipmates to trust her and to follow her.

Sometimes I wonder what it takes for people to follow you as a leader. Is it personality that drives people to want to follow leaders? Are leaders born and not made? Jesus had twelve followers and one of those betrayed him and another denied even having known him. When I was in seminary a phrase that was used frequently for us was: "you are to be a leader among leaders." Interesting thought. For Michael of Star Trek *Discovery*, it is about heart and love and a willingness to make tough decisions that some people may not like. It is also about being with and among people, listening. I am also convinced that being a leader in the church is about discerning God's will, mission, and ministry together.

In Luke 9 verses 57 to 62 Jesus has set his face toward Jerusalem and people are following along. One person says: "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus says to him: "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. To another he said, "follow me." But he said, "Lord first let me go and bury my father. But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead..." What does one make of these passages? Is Jesus using hyperbole and exaggerations?

I would suggest to you that Jesus is asking people (followers/disciples) to let go of the past. The question I would ask is: How are our lives different as followers of Jesus? What distinguishes us from others? You see for followers of Jesus we have a new identity. It is one of being pilgrims who do know the destination. Yet we are also nomads who are called to go to uncertain paths to places where the holy is residing, sometimes in places we would never have thought.

June 16, 2022, Kathy, Alex, and I began our eighth year with and among you all here at St Paul in Huntington. It has been a joy and a struggle through pandemics and pre- pandemics and now living with a still very active virus in our lives. The Good News is that we have sought to do it together and there has been grace upon grace offered and received. My prayer is that in the next years we will continue to grow in God's grace and be able to live and share that grace in our lives daily. My prayer is that the leaders, elected and otherwise, would seek to discern God's will in this place. I leave you with this question as a church and as an individual follower of Jesus: What is God doing in your life (in the life of God's church) these days?

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Kevin L Mackey <><  
Child of God – Pastor

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Thank you so much for welcoming my family to St. Paul so warmly last Sunday. We enjoyed Washington D.C. for a couple of days, saw the White House, National Mall, etc. and then drove to West Virginia, where we have been exploring Huntington and its surroundings. Looking at our area from a visitor's perspective has renewed my appreciation of all the great "outdoors-y" things to do in this part of the state. We loved canoeing on Beech Fork Lake and hiking at Barbourville Park. And, of course, we visited my father's memorial brick in the Rose Garden at Ritter Park.

The St. Paul Choir met for our traditional summer break dinner and fellowship on June 16 at Pier One Landing. A great time was had by all, the food was delicious, and the sunset over the Ohio River spectacular. Some choir members also met on June 22 at Gino's to celebrate Kay Jennings's birthday. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to join (I was picking up my mother from the airport in D.C. at the same time), but I've been told it was a nice gathering and people successfully evaded the approaching storm that night.

You may have noticed that I played a series of late 19<sup>th</sup>-century French Toccatas as organ postludes in June by the following composers: Dubois (June 5), Widor (June 12), Larriou (June 19), and Gigout (June 26, last Sunday). I love the music and it helped me expanding my organ skills. A toccata is a musical genre for keyboard instruments (organ, piano, harpsichord...) with improvisatory character in which fast passages often alternate with massive-sounding chords. It is meant to show off the virtuosity of the performer. The musical genre "toccata" is much older than any of the French toccatas I played in June, and next Sunday (July 3) I will play a toccata that was written more than one-and-a-half centuries earlier, in 1708 or slightly before. It may be the most famous work ever written for organ, and I know that you will recognize its very beginning: The Toccata in D minor, BWV 565 by Johann Sebastian Bach, also known from the 1940 Disney cult classic "Fantasia."

My family's visit to Huntington has reminded me to be thankful. The sending hymn on July 3 will be "Now Thank We All Our God." I will pick up this theme the following Sunday, July 10 (their last Sunday in Huntington) in the organ postlude: a chorale-improvisation on the same melody ("Nun danket alle Gott") by Sigfrid Karg-Elert.

Henning



Dear Members of St. Paul Congregation,

As the summer quickly moves along, I wish you simply the best of everything. I hope you take in some sunshine and fresh air, take time to be still with God, spend time with family and friends, go on an adventure or do something you have been longing to do, or simply feel you are on top of the world. Summer brings so many heightened experiences. We have been to the beach in Surfside, South Carolina and also spent a week at Rocky Ledges Girl Scout Camp. We have enjoyed family time and teaching girls survival skills in the outdoors. We are blessed to be able share our love of the ocean together and to help serve about 150 Girl Scouts in our area.

We sent Pastor Mackey and Norma Gensler off to camp with Alex Mackey, Abby Bell, Katie Dowis, Cameron May, Madelyn Fizer and Kaylen Simpson. All had a wonderful spiritual uplifting experience at Camp Luther learning about how God's love is "Boundless". Each camper seems to get exactly what they need from Camp and come home to share that boundless love. We are blessed to have a Pastor who teaches and shares with Junior campers. We are also blessed to hear all the happenings during the week at Camp from our personal Camp Mouse, Norma Gensler via Camp Luther WV on Facebook. It gives reassurance to parents of first year campers and also allows parents to see a sneak peak of the week.

July will be a time for our youth to rest, relax, have fun in the sun and do what they like to do best. The CCC group will be having an outing to a splash park and our LYO group will be meeting up to go swimming or bowling. We never get enough down time, so I hope everyone will enjoy sometime in July.

In August, We will be holding our annual VBS- The Power of One- Father, Son, Holy Spirit. It will start on Tuesday, August 9th- Thursday August 11th from 6-8pm. We will start with snack supper at 6pm behind the church. We will have rotations of bible story, crafts and music. We will come together at 7:30 in Miller Park for team building activities, prayer and popsicles. Dismissal will be at Miller Park. I have included a list of volunteers and a list of supplies needed. There will be sign up sheets for these in the Narthex on July 3rd. As our community service project, we will be working on a quilt for the Christmas baskets. Norma Gensler has so graciously donated her time and talent to make this happen. Youth will draw pictures representing the trinity and what it means to them. Norma is going to embroider all these drawings to make "The Power of One" quilt. We are so blessed to have such wonderful quilting women in our church. The youth are also going to work with Creigh Pemberton to make a banner representing the Lion and the Lamb for our undercroft. Youth will draw and color the animals for the banner. I love when God stirs our congregation up like a spoon in cake batter and churns the fires within us to create and share great things for others.

We will celebrate and recognize our Confirmands: Jacob Hale, Cameron May and Owen Murray on August 21, 2022 during worship at 10am. Please join us afterwards for a reception to honor these boys on their Confirmation Day.

I Know the Way

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. - John 8:32

I am the Truth- the One who came to set you free. As you learn to let My Spirit control your mind and actions, you become free in Me— you become more and more the one I created you to be.

I do my best work in you when you sit quietly in My Presence, focusing your thoughts on Me. Open yourself to Me, letting My thoughts flow freely into your mind. I will help you see things as I see them. And I will lead you along paths of adventure.

Don't worry about what is on the road up ahead. I know the way for your life, because I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. Trust that you are safe with Me—the One who died to set you free.

I hope you are having a Blessed Summer!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill



# THE POWER OF ONE VBS

VBS Will be August 9, 10 & 11

From 6:00-8:00pm

It will be outside & ending in Miller Park with Prayer & Popsicles.

## VBS Volunteers needed:

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

Father Group- Pre-K- K-2 Adult Leaders/1-2 youth

Son Group -1st-3rd-2 Adults/ 1 youth

Holy Spirit Group -4th, 5th & Above-2 Adults/1 youth

Prayer- Pastor

Popsicle Patrol- 2 to pass out

## VBS Supplies needed:

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

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)

100 hotdog buns

ketchup- big bottle

relish- squeeze bottle

3 packages of oreos

3 packages of chips ahoy

2-4 canisters of kool-aid

2-4 canisters of pink lemonade or lemonade

6-8 EZ up tents to use outside- if we can borrow for 3 days please let us know.



Can you find our campers??



Our newest Acolyte, Daniel Kist, did a wonderful job on June 12. He is pictured at left with his younger sister Kennedy.







## CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

**August 7**

The Social Ministry committee will again be donating items to the Ronald McDonald House with your help. The items listed below are food items from their "Wish List". Please have your items at the church by August 7.

Cereal bars

granola bars

instant breakfast

crackers

cookies

juice boxes

instant oatmeal

fruit cups

Mac and cheese (single serve)

Chef Boy R Dee (single serve)

string cheese, cheese sticks

single serve anything kid-friendly

shelf-stable milk

***They are also in need of perishable items. If you would like to contribute to the cost of these items you may write a check to St. Paul Lutheran Church and please write CIA on the memo line. You can place it in the offering plate or send it to the church. The Social Ministry committee will shop for the perishable items.***

Thank you for your help in the past and now.





August 21

10:00am

On August 21 we will be confirming three of our youth during our 10:00am worship service. Jacob Hale, Cameron May and Owen Murray will be confirmed in the faith.

Everyone is invited to join us for a reception afterwards.



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 JULY

June 27-July 1: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 4-8: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 11-15: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 18-22: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

July 25-29: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 29:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

### READINGS FOR AUGUST

August 1-5: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 8-12: Jeremiah 23-23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 15-19: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 22-26: Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

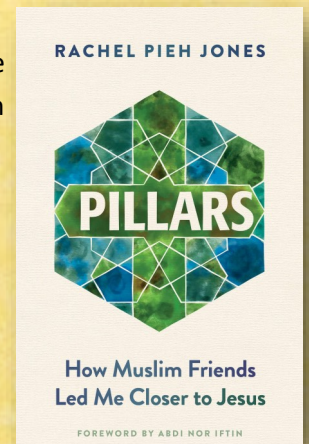
On Sunday, August 14, all children, of all ages, are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, etc. to worship for a special blessing and a gift to help you remember that God is with you always, even at school and work.



## PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS: ADULT FORUM TO START ON SEPTEMBER 18

Pastor Mackey will once again be meeting after worship to facilitate an Adult Forum time. We will meet in the parlor. For our first time together, we will be looking at a book by Rachel Pieh Jones entitled – Pillars: How My Muslim Friends Led Me Closer to Jesus. If you would like the church office to order a book for you, please let her know before the beginning of August. Cost for the book will be \$16.

Pastor also hopes to post something online on the church YouTube channel each Thursday the book is being studied. The goal is to post by 2:00 pm each Thursday.



### Worship Helpers for JULY

**Altar Guild: Janet Grimes and Linda Hay**

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Deacon	Acolyte	Bread Provider
7/3	Ruthann Arneson	Keith Wellman	Cheryl Conzett	Katie Dowis	Barb Garnett
7/10	Linda Schneider	Steve Golder	Steve Golder	DeLaney Utley	Barb Garnett
7/17	Steve Golder	Doug Korstanje	Jenny Murray	Owen Murray	
7/24	David Stuart	Linda Schneider	Creigh Pemberton	Jacob Hale	
7/31	Bernadette Wellman	David Stuart	David Stuart	Daniel Kist	

### Worship Helpers for AUGUST

**Altar Guild: Barbara Garnett and Zak Garnett**

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Deacon	Acolyte	Bread Provider
8/7	Keith Wellman	B. Wellman	B. Wellman	Cameron May	
8/14	Ruthann Arneson	Keith Wellman	Keith Wellman	Alex Mackey	
8/21	Linda Schneider	Steve Golder	Cheryl Conzett	Katie Dowis	
8/28	Steve Golder	Doug Korstanje	Jenny Murray	Owen Murray	



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

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

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Keith Wellman
- 4 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
- 16 Rick and Chris Eid
- 21 Keith and Bernadette Wellman
- 26 Bill and Kay Jennings; Doug and Susan Korstanje

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



School will be starting back in mid-August and we will begin delivering meals to Southside Elementary. If you can donate any of the items listed below it would be appreciated. Items should be in individually packaged containers and not contain any peanut products.

- individual mac and cheese
- individual ravioli
- Pop tarts
- fruit cups

- granola bars
- Vienna sausages
- individual juice drinks
- single serve cereal

# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00am Worship with Pastor Jim Wicker	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:00am worship with Pastor Sherri Schafer	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 10:00am Worship with Pastor Jim Wicker	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:00am Worship with Bishop Riegel	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:00am Worship with Bishop Riegel						

# August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00am Worship CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:00am Worship BACKPACK BLESSING 1:00pm Council Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 10:00am Worship CONFIRMA- TION	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:00am Worship	29	30	31			

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
August 9-11  
6:00-8:00PM  
OUTSIDE



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