



ST. PAUL VISITOR JUNE 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, Jackie, Judy, Myles, Debbie, Al, Dave, Elizabeth, Louise, Jon, Abby, Tom, Helen, Ernie, Patty, and Corissa
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.



OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to (Left to right):

Emma Korstanje

Jackson McComas

Zoie Fornash

We have six youth who will be attending Camp Luther in June along with Pastor Mackey and Norma Gensler. The campers are: Katie Dowis, Madelyn Fizer, Alex Mackey, Cameron May, Kaylen Simpson, Kevin Vickers.

Please keep all the campers in your prayers!



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.

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.

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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Pastor's Reflections

As a Christian who practices and seeks to live in the Lutheran way I have always been intrigued by the Holy Spirit. When I left my last parish, someone told me that they really appreciated the way I spoke about the Holy Spirit from time to time in my sermons. We confess our faith using the Apostles Creed and the third article speaks about the Holy Spirit and the work of the church. I could quote the explanation of the third article of the creed's explanation Luther wrote in the Small Catechism. But what does all that mean to me living in the world? I have several other questions of course: What does the Holy Spirit do? How does the Spirit work in my life and the life of the church? Can I hear the words of the Holy Spirit speaking to me or does it work in a more subtle way?

On June 5 we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is the day we have traditionally called the birthday of the church. The texts for this Sunday emphasize the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. The one text we always hear is from Acts 2:1-21. This is Luke's narrative of the giving of the Holy Spirit. It is a wonderful text filled with drama and vivid imagery. It recounts a vision of ALL people coming together to celebrate and give thanks. One of the images explains "tongues of fire" resting on each of the diverse group of people who had gathered.

There is confusion about what is happening. Verse seven of chapter two of Acts says: "Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all of these who are speaking Galileans?" And then in verse 12: "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" That seems like a good question. What does all this mean? What does it mean for us in 2022? What does it mean for me as I seek to live my life in the world?

Peter answers the questions with a sermon. The sermon is recorded in verses 14 to 35 and I would encourage you to read it. Peter says this is what God had planned. This Spirit giving is the Advocate that Jesus spoke about to his disciples as recorded in the gospel of John.

It seems to me that the Spirit is by its very nature is going to be confusing from time to time. It will take living in the Spirit and being open to the Spirit every day we live our lives. This sense of hearing and responding to the Holy Spirit is recorded throughout the rest of the narrative in the book of Acts. It is a fascinating read. Repeatedly the Holy Spirit leads people to do extraordinary things in life.

My prayer for both St Paul and Christ the King is that this Summer we would seek to be led by the Holy Spirit. Ponder and think on what you believe this to mean. Let myself as your pastor and your leaders know. Will this be a new way of being church? Will the Spirit ask us to be creative and new and exciting about the ministry we do in God's name? What challenges will the Spirit present to all of us as we seek to be God's servants in the world?

Blessings and Peace (Shalom) to you all
Pastor Mackey <><

Pastor Mackey and Norma Gensler will be attending Synod Assembly on June 4th. Please keep Pastor, Norma and all of the attendees in your prayers as they make important decisions regarding the church body.

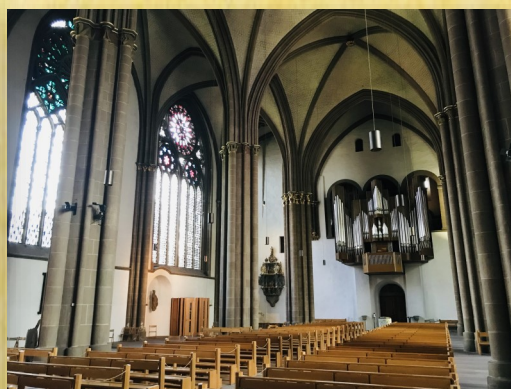
Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Greetings from Europe! A few days ago, we celebrated my mother's 70th birthday with a little half-day river cruise on the Weser, a river that flows between the two mountain ridges forming the "Porta Westfalica" (Gate to Westphalia). I grew up in the adjacent town by the same name. Afterwards, we visited Minden, a close-by city on the other side of the "Porta" that is not much bigger than Huntington (around 80,000 population) but much older. It was founded in 800 A.D. and is home to the Mindener Dom (Cathedral of Minden), the oldest surviving parts of which date from 1072. In 1168, Henry the Lion, Duke of Saxonia and Bavaria was married to Mathilda, the daughter of King Henry II. of England at the Mindener Dom.

Thanks to modern technology, I was able to follow Worship on May 22 online. Thank you to my student James Newsome for filling in for me, and also thank you to Keith Wellman for playing on Sunday, May 29. I will be back for Pentecost, and we look forward to presenting two choral anthems to you on Pentecost and Holy Trinity (June 5 and 12).

I hope you enjoy the pictures and see you in June!

Henning



I remember my Grandpa telling me when I was younger to appreciate the little things because time flies by so quickly. Every spring, it seems that April begins and the next thing you know it is June. I am not sure if it is the good weather that excites us and gets us moving out and about in the world, or if it is due to other spring sports and school activities, but the time does fly.

The youth have done some gardening this past month. They have planted sunflowers and cleaned out the flower beds. We have also planted pink begonias in memory of Wayne Doss along with the red geraniums for Pentecost. All of our youth helped prepare and serve our May Day Luncheon for our Congregation after worship on May 1st. We had a wonderful turn out. All of our members seemed to enjoy food, fun and fellowship with one another. The youth raised \$300 for Camp Luther scholarships Thank you to all who helped make this event a success.

As schools are finishing out their last few days, all students reflect on their past year and focus on the exciting new year ahead. Whether they are finishing preschool, kindergarten, fifth grade, eighth grade, or their senior year, the next year always brings change and new beginnings. There is so much to look forward to. Summer comes and so does the excitement for adventure and freedom to do outdoor activities or to travel. Summer is a great season to spend time doing the things you really enjoy. I hope all of our families take time to do fun things, to be together, to spend quality time together and to really enjoy one another. Carpe Diem! Seize the day!

We celebrated our High School Graduates with recognition, gifts and reception with their families and congregation. Zoie Fornash, Emma Korstanje and Jackson McComas were celebrated. All enjoyed fellowship with the graduates and greeting them with well wishes for their future journeys. May the light of Christ shine bright in their paths.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, oh Lord.- Psalm 89:15
Let us all take time this summer to walk in the Light of Our Lord and Savior!

God's Blessings today and always,

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill

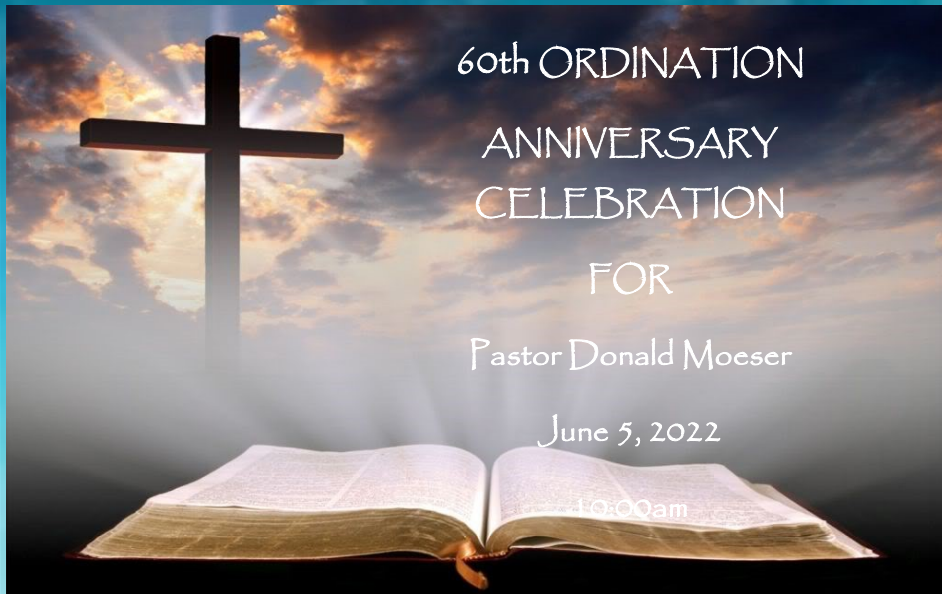


Our graduates, Zoie Fornash, Emma Korstanje, and Jackson McComas gather with their families for a blessing during worship on May 22.



May Day Lunch to raise money for
Camp Luther scholarships





On Sunday, June 5 during our 10:00am worship service, we will recognize and celebrate the 60th ordination anniversary of Pastor Donald Moeser. Pastor Moeser grew up at St. Paul and was ordained here on June 3, 1962. He will be our guest preacher for the day.

This photo is from the ordination service.

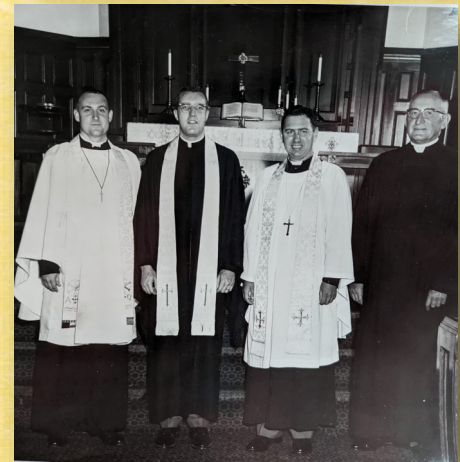
Left to right:

Rev. Charles Aurand

Rev. Donald H. Moeser

Rev. Donald D. Anderson (President of West Virginia Synod)

Rev. Harry Merle (retired pastor from Powellsville, Ohio)



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.

READINGS FOR JUNE

May 30-June 3: Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17

June 6-10: Proverbs 8:1-4; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 13-17: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 20-24: I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

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.

Forms will be in the bulletins each Sunday.

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 12 to be listed in the bulletin.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 5

Everyone is asked to wear something red for Pentecost Sunday to represent the coming of the Holy Spirit.

We still have red St. Paul T-shirts available if you need one. Please see Kathy Mackey. Cost of shirts is \$10.



The Social Ministry Committee will meet on June 2 at 1:30pm. This group is responsible for many projects that help our community, including School Backpacks, Christmas Baskets, and Christmas in August. If you would like to join them in their ministry please come to the meeting or speak to Bernadette Wellman.

Worship Helpers for JUNE

Altar Guild: Annette DuVall and Mary Lou Fricke

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Deacon	Acolyte	Bread Provider
6/5	Steve Golder	Keith Wellman	Cheryl Conzett	DeLaney Utley	
6/12	David Stuart	Linda Schneider	Steve Golder	Daniel Kist	
6/19	Linda Schneider	David Stuart		Cameron May	
6/26	Keith Wellman	B. Wellman	Creigh Pemberton	Owen Murray	



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



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



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

“Thank you so much for all you have done through the years and the prayers and cards for Wayne and I. Keep me in your prayers and Sherry and Michael. Thank you for the flowers.” Love, Dreama Doss

Congratulations to Joel and Ellen Jones on the birth of their first child. Cecily Frances arrived on May 15, weighing 6 lbs, 5 oz and measuring in at 20 1/2 inches. Proud grandparents are Pat and Cindy Jones and Lori Kist and the late Greg Kist. Tom and Emma Kist are the proud Aunt and Uncle.

Judy Wade And Carolyn Becker on Mother’s Day before going out to Brunch , which has become a regular outing after church on Sundays, if anyone would like to join us, you are certainly welcome , once in a while Annette DuVall joins us who is Judy Wades Cousin.

Dr. Karen Becker, daughter of Carolyn H. Becker and the late David E. Becker, was honored at a special ceremony on May 8th, 2022 where she received the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra’s (LSO) “Golden Baton Award.” It was presented to her in recognition of her leadership as principal cellist of the LSO for 18 years (and counting), her work over the last four years as Chair of the LSO Orchestra Committee, her performance in November 2021 of the Kurt Atterberg Cello Concerto with the LSO, and her work in the community and as cello professor since 1995 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The LSO Orchestra Committee assisted in approving all the COVID safety protocols for the musicians and audience over the last two seasons. The award ceremony took place after the LSO’s final concert of the season where world-renowned soprano, Renee Fleming, was the featured soloist.



Karen Becker with LSO Conductor Edward Polochick and concertmaster Anton Miller.



Karen Becker with Renee Fleming

OUR GRADUATES

Zoie Fornash is graduating from Spring Valley High School. She has completed the Baking and Pastry program and all four years of JROTC. Zoie plans to continue working at Outback in the front part of the house as a hostess. She is hoping to move to the back of the house in the kitchen area. Zoie is interested in becoming a pastry chef. Zoie is the daughter of Luke and Carolyn Fornash.

Emma Korstanje graduates from Huntington High School with Very High Honors. She is the recipient of the Universal Federal Credit Union Scholarship as well as a Marshall University Freshman Scholarship. Emma plans to continue her education at Marshall University. You will see her on the football field this fall as the feature twirler with the Thundering Herd Marching Band. Emma is the daughter of Doug and Susan Korstanje.

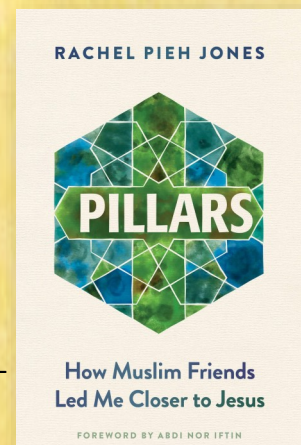
Jackson Reed McComas is graduating Summa Cum Laude from Chesapeake High School. He is a National Honors Society Member and is receiving National Beta Club Honors. Jackson was a member of the Chesapeake Golf team throughout his High School career where he was awarded first team All-OVC and received the Academic All-Ohio award. Jackson plans to attend Marshall University in the fall to study Business Management. He is the son of Brandy Andrus and Josh McComas.




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.



June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				1:30pm Social Ministry Meeting		Synod Assembly
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00am Worship with celebration of 60th ordination for Donald Moeser 						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00am Worship	7:00pm Writer's Group					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00am Worship	CAMP LUTHER WEEK					
26	27	28	29	30		
10:00am Worship						



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PRAYER VENTURES FOR JUNE 2022

1 *LGBTQ Pride Month* Give thanks for the gifts, wisdom and faith of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to stir and embolden us to advocate for laws, practices, values, and institutional and social change that address injustice, bias and exclusion.

2 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Nebraska, North Carolina and Sierra Pacific synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

3 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Florida-Bahamas, Lower Susquehanna, Montana, Northwestern Ohio, South Dakota, Southeastern and Western North Dakota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

4 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Eastern North Dakota, Metropolitan Chicago, Northwest Washington and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

5 [Day of Pentecost](#) [Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois and Upstate New York synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them](#) as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

6 Pray for an end to the invasion of Ukraine and the violence inflicted upon its citizens, for the safety and well-being of its refugees, for the healing of its communities and for the restoration of its infrastructure.

7 The ELCA World Hunger Global Farm Challenge is a youth-focused campaign to accompany our neighbors who live with the threats of hunger and poverty. Pray that our church will meet its fundraising goal of \$500,000 to equip communities around the world and in the U.S. with the resources needed to turn hunger into hope and self-sufficiency.

8 Remember your baptism and give thanks that, in Christ and through the Spirit, our new identity as children and heirs of God is revealed, shaped and guided so that we might live our faith with confidence and joy and serve our neighbor with compassion, mercy and generosity.

9 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central States, Indiana-Kentucky and New England synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

10 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon; La Crosse Area; Northeastern Pennsylvania; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; Northeastern Iowa; Northwestern Pennsylvania; and Southwestern Texas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

11 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwestern Minnesota, Southwestern California and Allegheny synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

12 *Holy Trinity Sunday* Celebrate and pray for our faith to deepen as we embrace the mystery of the Holy Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, always present for us.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the South Carolina Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

14 "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" (Psalm 8:3-4). Give thanks and praise that God shows no bias, understands our human complexities and is not constrained by human borders, rules or traditions.

15 Pray that our hope and strength will be grounded and renewed in God's boundless and unfaltering love, especially in times when we feel uncertain, discouraged or powerless to impact what goes on in the world today.

16 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

17 *Emanuel Nine, martyrs* Today we remember the members of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, N.C., who were killed by a self-professed white supremacist while gathered for Bible study. Pray that we — as individuals, a church and a society — will reaffirm our commitment to repent from the sins of racism and white supremacy, and that the Spirit will change our hearts and lead us to value, love and welcome all people as the wonderful handiwork of God.

18 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

19 *Juneteenth* This day of celebration commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, an observance dating back to June 19, 1865. Give thanks to God for the diversity of humankind and pray that God will help, guide and strengthen our commitment to work for the full inclusion of all people in the church, in our society and throughout the world.

20 On Father's Day, give thanks and pray for fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, fathers struggling with parenting, and men without children of their own who serve as loving and caring adults in the lives of children and youth.

21 Remember in prayer seasonal workers, often working behind the scenes, who are in transition throughout the year; pray that they will find safe and sustaining employment, affordable housing and a sense of community in our congregations.

22 Give thanks and praise that God is at work to reclaim, transform and unite us as children of God through our baptism in Christ.

23 Pray that summer programs and community ministries of our congregations will stir faith and hope and attend to the needs of communities. Give thanks for volunteers who share their enthusiasm, faith, time and gifts to help summer ministries thrive.

24 *John the Baptist* Though we may lack the single-mindedness, fervor and sacrificial spirit of John the Baptist in proclaiming Christ, give thanks that God uses our unique qualities and gifts to serve our neighbor and share the life-changing gospel with whomever we encounter in our daily life.

25 Pray for programs and partners of the ELCA churchwide organization that support young adults as they grow in faith and discover who God is calling them to be in the world, including ELCA Young Adult Ministry, Young Adults in Global Mission, Young Adult Justice Network, Campus Ministry, and outdoor ministries.

26 Pray that we might follow Christ with passion and commitment, sharing the good news, inviting others into faith and showing grace toward our neighbor when we encounter resistance, difficulty or disbelief.

27 Pray that God will hear our concern and yearning for our communities and schools to be safe from gun violence; pray that the Spirit will transform that concern and yearning into advocacy for common-sense gun laws, community conversations and initiatives, and loving care for those impacted by gun violence.

28 Give thanks and pray for the safety of firefighters, first responders, members of the National Guard, disaster response volunteers, relief agencies and neighbors who respond to individuals and communities in times of severe weather and natural disaster.

29 *Peter and Paul, apostles* Peter and Paul disagreed with each other yet were united in their commitment to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and encourage communities of faith. Pray that we will be united in our faith as siblings in Christ, moving beyond our differences and using our unique gifts and perspectives to do God's work in the world, together.

30 Pray for the churchwide organization staff and volunteer leaders across the country preparing for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and for the congregations, youth and adults anticipating this rich experience of worship, community, faith formation, learning and service.