

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH VISITOR

JULY/AUGUST 2025

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.



VACATION BIBLE

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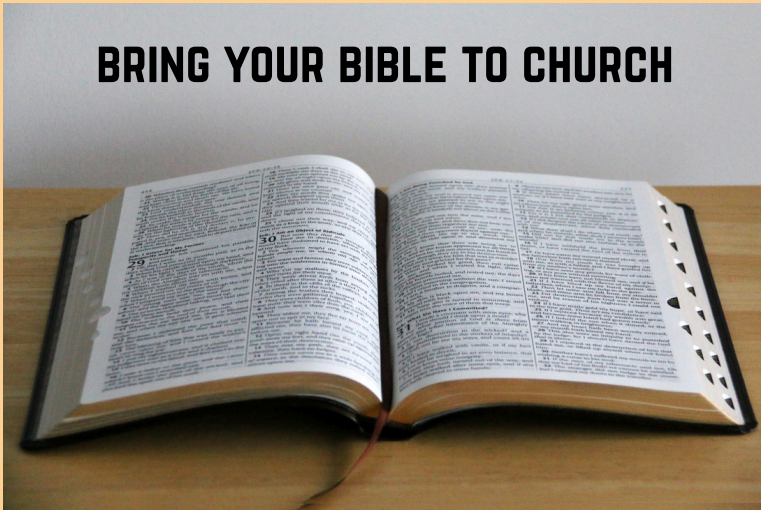
JULY 7-11

6:00-8:00PM

AT CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

This year we will join with Christ the King Lutheran Church for VBS. Worship will be held at Christ the King on July 13 with a picnic to follow.

BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CHURCH



This summer, in addition to our change in liturgy, Pastor Mackey, in consultation with the church council, is encouraging everyone to bring their Bibles to worship. This change aims to deepen our connection with the Scriptures and enhance our spiritual experience during the service. The Bibles in the pews will be removed so please bring your own Bible. There will be a few Bibles available in the narthex if you forget yours. For those who need Large Print the lessons will continue to be printed in the bulletin.

By bringing your personal Bible to Sunday services, you will have the opportunity to engage with the Word in a more meaningful way. Here are a few benefits of this practice:

- **Personal Connection:** Having your own Bible allows you to read from a familiar text, which can make the experience more personal and impactful.
- **Note-Taking:** You can highlight passages, jot down notes, or mark sections that resonate with you during the sermon.
- **Deeper Engagement:** Actively following along in your Bible can help you stay focused and retain more information from the service.

Pastor's Reflections

This past week (June 14 to June 21) I was in the mountains with about sixty plus staff and about 150 plus young people from grades 2 to 12 at Camp Luther. Camp Luther is unique to the camping ministry of the ELCA. You see it is the only "non-resident" camp that I know of in our denomination. What that means is that our Synod does not own the property on which we have the camp, and we do not have a full-time paid Camp Director. We rent a camp called Camp Caesar between Cowen and Webster Springs, WV. All the staff are volunteers, some of whom have deep connections to the ministry of Camp Luther.

My first year at camp was in 2016, affectionately called "The Flood Year". This was the year the camp had to be evacuated because of the flooding all around us. I have gone every year the week beginning with Father Day. I like to describe camp as exhilarating and exhausting. It is a time where all my "schedules" are upended. It is time to focus on the campers who come to us. It is a time to give thanks for the creation all around us.

Speaking of the campers and staff. This year I noticed how diverse the group was at camp. I particularly noticed it among the staff. Personalities ran the gamut from extremely extravert to extreme introvert. I came to appreciate these differences throughout the week. I also could not help but think about Paul's letter to the Galatians who were struggling with people being different. Paul writes in Galatians chapter 3 verse 28: "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male or female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." That is quite a statement! ALL ARE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS!

In July and August, we will have the opportunity to worship with others to be ONE IN CHRIST with our siblings in Christ. July 13 we will be worshipping with Christ the King Lutheran Church in Barboursville. This is the end of the Vacation Bible School we are having together – July 7 to 11. The plan is to worship outside and to focus on our youth/ children and the message they learned from VBS. Christ the King will have their praise musicians lead us in worship.

The other opportunity is with First United Methodist in downtown Huntington on August 24 at 10:45 a.m. Thanks to Dan Beals who made the initial contact about having a service together with our combined choirs. Pastor Scott Sears, the pastor at First UMC, and I will lead worship. Because of our full communion agreement Pastor Scott and I agreed that I would preach and preside at communion, and he would do the liturgy. We hope to make this a regular event and move back and forth to each other's worship spaces.

One in Christ. That is who we are whether we are a volunteer camp staff person, another ELCA Lutheran congregation or a United Methodist. Give thanks and praise for the diversity of who we all are together in Christ.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor KLM <><



COMBINED
Worship and Choirs

August 24

10:45am

First United Methodist Church
(No worship at St. Paul)

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

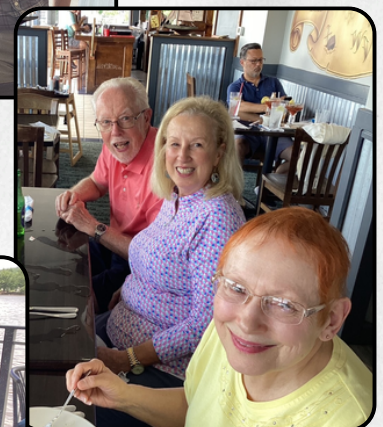
The annual choir dinner took place on Pentecost, Sunday, June 8 at Schooner's Waterfront Grille after church. We had a great time, and our traveling member were there in Spirit. In this context I'd like to echo Pastor's words during Worship on that day: Thank you, thank you, thank you to our choir members. They are a dedicated, kind, considerate, and joyful group.

The plans I mentioned previously regarding a joint project with First United Methodist Church have been fleshed out further: Thanks to our Pastor Kevin and Pastor Scott Sears from FUMC, we will hold an ecumenical joint Worship service on Sunday, August 24. The service will take place at First United Methodist Church on 5th Ave and start at 10:45 am. Pastor Kevin will preach and preside over Communion, and Pastor Scott will lead the other parts of the liturgy. Our two choirs will sing selections throughout the service, with Debbie Bradley conducting and me at the piano.

I am very excited about this project, and so is Debbie Bradley, the music director at FUMC. It is always nice to connect and do something "together". We will announce this in the Herald-Dispatch and thus proclaim the spirit of togetherness to the community.

Quick update on the organ: David Schroth from Louisville, KY fell ill before the planned inspection of our organ and tuning of some other organs in the area. He had to postpone his trip, unfortunately. However, two technicians from Peebles-Herzog in Columbus, OH visited two weeks ago and will provide us with a quote for a full tuning and fact-finding for repairs, soon. I should be able to tell you more after the summer.

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Dear St. Paul Congregation,

We kicked off June 1st with praying for our High School and College Graduates during worship and recognizing them with gifts and a reception with refreshments following the service. Adriana Bakley and Dominick Barham graduated from High School. Alexandria Lindberg, Will Lindberg, Katie Bell, Piper May, and Jackson McComas graduated from College. We pray for these children of God on their new journeys ahead.

We sent 8 campers and 2 adults to Camp Luther this Father's Day. Campers had a wet but wonderful week full of God's Word in trusting, in service, etc. God is always with us. Campers enjoyed worship, classes, nature hikes, creek stomping, Gaga, swimming, time at the lake, Olympics, a hotdog roast, the 5 o'clock news, dancing, singing, and praying together all week long in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Campers create a bond that is for a lifetime, forever friends and children of God. It is a feeling you want to bring home and share with everyone else. Evangelizing God's Love is so Good!

Welcome Home Campers!

July will be a time for our Vacation Bible School. We will be having our Bible school with Christ the King Lutheran Church this year. Our VBS is called "True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"! It will be on July 7-11 from 6-8pm at Christ the King. There is an event on our Facebook page. All are welcome. Come learn about how Jesus is our friend that we can always trust. He is our "True North"! We will have tundra snacks, games, music, science discovery, crafts, and a bible story. Please help spread the word.

Our youth plan to enjoy their summers with family, friends, and camps, and making many new memories. Breathe in and enjoy the moments as you are with your loved ones. Be still, share the love., and share your blessings! Enjoy your Summers!

We will kick off August with the Blessing of the Backpacks and Back to School prayers and wishes. It will be here before we know it.

Until then! Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say Rejoice! Rejoice to the Lord Always, Again, I say Rejoice!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill





The readings below are emailed to the congregation Monday-Friday along with a suggestion for contemplating the scripture. If you are not currently receiving the daily devotional and would like to please contact the church office.

June 30-July 4: Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:1-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

July 7-11: Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37.

July 14-18: Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42.

July 21-25: Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-19, Luke 11:1-13.

July 28-Aug.1: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21.

Aug. 4-8: Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

Aug. 11-15: Jeremiah 23:23-29, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56.

Aug. 18-22: Psalm 103:1-8, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17.

Aug. 25-29: Proverbs 25:6-7, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14.

WE PRAY FOR...

LaDonna, Helen,
Judi, Opal,
Francesca, Stephen,
Dale, Helen, April,
Rene, Steve, Elisha and
Kenny



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on July 9 at 10:00am.

We will be discussing "The Enemy at Home" by
Kevin O'Brien. Please join us!



The Farmer's Market is open for business!

The Farmer's Market is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your community while supporting a good cause. If you find yourself with an abundance of garden-fresh produce, consider bringing your surplus to the market on Sunday mornings. A designated table will be set up in the narthex, offering a convenient drop-off point for your contributions. Shoppers can then choose from the available produce and make a donation to World Hunger in exchange, ensuring that your garden's bounty not only finds a new home but also helps those in need. This initiative not only promotes sustainability and reduces food waste but also fosters a spirit of generosity and community engagement. Join in and make a difference!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY BIRTHDAYS

6 Owen Murray
8 James May
9 Jill May; Bill Jones
14 Nathaniel Fornash
15 Alex Barham
18 Wilma Anderson, Mikah Utley
21 Stephen Golder
22 Emma Korstanja
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
15 Jennifer Simpson
16 Carl Pemberton
20 Alexandria Lindberg,
Jeanna Bell, Laura Baker

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you know of someone who needs comfort. The shawls are made by members of St. Paul and are offered free of charge. Cards are available to give along with the shawls.

Happy Anniversary

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

15 Bob and Sharon Tucker
18 Christian and Laura Watson
20 Brice and Amy Dowis

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

4 Pastor Kevin and Kathy Mackey
5 Arlan and Trudy Hesse
10 Tracy and Shannon Simpkins
21 Keith and Bernadette Wellman
26 Doug and Susan Korstanje

NOISY OFFERING



NOISY OFFERING FOR THE BACKPACK PROGRAM

First Sunday of each month.
So far this year we have collected \$247.

LAWN MOWING



It's that time of year again!

We need volunteers to mow the church lawn each week during the summer. The property committee has recently purchased a new battery powered self propelled lawnmower and weed eater. Batteries and instructions are in the nursery room in the downstairs hallway. If you are interested in helping with lawn mowing please sign up in the narthex or contact Ron Pease or Dan Beals.

JULY 2025

		1 9:30am Quilting	2	3	4 Office closed 	5
6 10:00am Worship	7 	8 9:30am Quilting	9 10:00am Book Club	10	11	12
13 11:00am Worship At Christ the King Lutheran Church	14	15 9:30am Quilting	16	17	18	19
20 10:00am Worship	21	22 9:30am Quilting	23	24	25	26 9:00-4:00pm Listening With Love Workshop at Trinity Lutheran
27 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Celebration of Life for Clarice Kumlien in Ritter Park Rose Garden	28	29 9:30am Quilting	30	31		

AUGUST 2025

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3 10:00am Worship	4	5 9:30am Quilting	6	7	8	9 9:00am Staff Meeting
10:00am 10 Worship	11	9:30am 12 Quilting	13	14	15	16
10:00am 17 Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks 11:15am Council Meeting	18	19 9:30am Quilting	20	21	22	23
24 10:45am Combined Worship at First Methodist	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Please continue to bring in your used ink cartridges. We receive \$2.00 for each cartridge at Office Depot. You can leave them in the church office or give to Kathy.



WORSHIP HELPER SCHEDULE

July Altar Guild: Janet Grimes and Linda Hay
August Altar Guild: Barbara Garnett and Shannon Walker

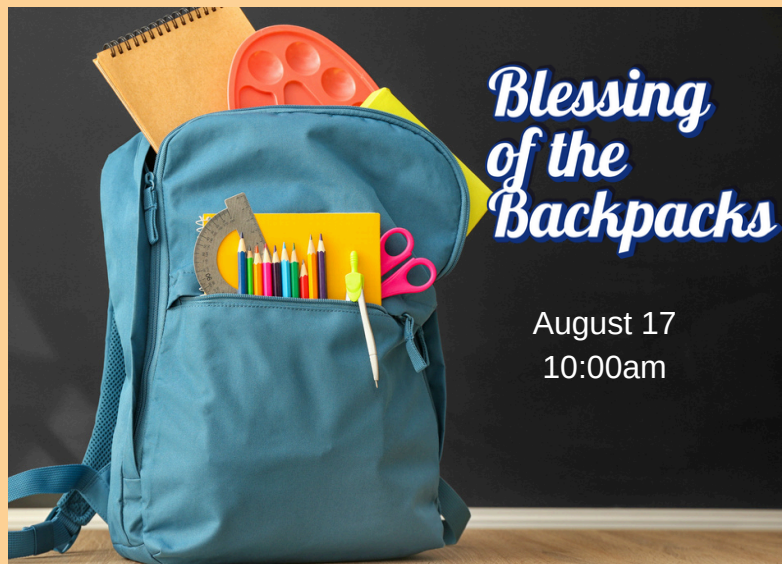
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July 6	Mary Lou Pratt	Linda Schneider	Cheryl Konzett	No crucifer	Kennady Kist	Pratt	Kelz
July 13	Worship at Christ the King Lutheran Church						
July 20	Linda Schneider	B. Wellman	Emma Arneson	no crucifer	Willow May	Pratt	Kelz
July 27	Annette DuVall	Keith Wellman	Cheryl Konzett	No crucifer	Jackson Wellman	Pratt	Kelz
August 3	Mary Lou Fricke	Ruthann Arneson	Bernadette Wellman	No crucifer	TBD	Korstanje	
August 10	Barbara Garnett	Linda Schneider	Jenny Murray	No crucifer	TBD	Korstanje	
August 17	Jenny Murray	David Stuart	Creigh Pemberton	No crucifer	TBD	Korstanje	
August 24	Worship at First United Methodist Church						
August 31	Annette DuVall	Ruthann Arneson	Bernadette Wellman	No crucifer	TBD	Korstanje	



FOOD AND CLOTHING PANTRY

For the month of July we will be collecting cans of ***mixed vegetables***. There are donation containers in the narthex and in the downstairs hallway.





Lars Fredrik Kletten, grandson of Carolyn Becker with his mother Kemberly Becker Kletten of Oslo Norway. Lars graduated June 13 from Trondheim Technology and Science Institute for Architecture and Norwegian Planning.

The degree included Physical Planning, Property Development and Management and Urban Ecological Planning. His Bachelor's degree was in Social Anthropology. He served 1 ½ years in the Norwegian Air Force before attending college.



Annual Worship and Picnic in the Park
September 14
10:00am
Ritter Park Picnic Shelter

Red State Revivals
An Evening with Nadia Bolz-Weber
Saturday, August 23, 2025
7pm-8:45pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
Charleston, West Virginia

go to www.nadiabolzweber.com for ticket information

REVIVAL
NADIA BOLZ-WEBER