

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH VISITOR

JUNE 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.



Graduation Recognition

On Sunday, June 1 we will be celebrating our graduates. Will Lindberg, Alex Lindberg, Piper May, Katie Bell, and Jackson McComas graduated from college and Dominick Barham and Adriana Bakley graduated from High School. Please join us as we celebrate this important milestone.

A reception in the parlor will follow.



Congrats Grad!

- ★ Alexandria Lindberg graduated from WVU with a BA in Economics.
- ★ Will Lindberg graduated from ACC and is now working as an electrician.
- ★ Piper May graduated from Marshall University with a BA in Psychology and a minor in English.
- ★ Katie Bell graduated from the Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts and Humanities at Jacksonville University with a BFA in Theatre Arts.
- ★ Jackson McComas graduated from Marshall University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with Minors in Marketing and Human Resources.
- ★ Dominick Barham, son of Laura Baker, graduated from Bethel High School. He will be attending Marshall University in the Fall to study Cyber Forensics and Security.
- ★ Adriana Bakley graduated from Ayden Grifton High School in North Carolina and has recently moved back to Huntington.

**OUR
GRADUATES**



Pastor's Reflections

I have been going through all the “stuff” I have in my study at church. You know the “stuff” that seems to accumulate – old notes from meetings, different pictures, files on the computer that the secretary also has copies of. It’s been an interesting trip down memory lane.

One of the news articles I still have is from the pandemic. The title is: “What could we do differently if we allowed our pandemic priorities to change us for the better? Probably just about everything” by Yvonne Abraham and is from The Boston Globe newspaper. The author gives a big list of the things we could do differently. These are the ones I find interesting:

- We would pay teachers (blessings be upon them!) as much as hedge-funders.
- Our hands would be so clean, we could eat off them.
- We would be less profligate with toilet paper.
- We would leave bigger tips.
- We would work together to make those who are alone feel less like that.
- We would elect leaders not for the best of times, but for the worst.
- We would cook more food at home and throw less of it away.
- We would spend less time with our faces on our phones, and more hours facing each other.

Through it all the church goes on. Remember what we did to keep together. We the followers of Jesus Christ here in Huntington, WV? We didn’t meet in the sanctuary – everything was taped and submitted to our Facebook and YouTube accounts. The meetings were by Zoom. A wonderful tool in fact to stay in touch with others who are far away. We adjusted our communion practices. We wore masks. Children/ youth did the Christmas program through our online presence. I broadcasted Holy Week services on the deck at my house.

The article I quote has many more suggestions. So, I wonder how are we doing? Is ministry happening. Absolutely, yes! Do we need more help to do ministry? – Absolutely! Yes! As we begin the days of summer, I encourage you to think about how ministry happens in and with you in the world. Maybe take up a couple of the suggestions from the article I quoted and “run with them” this summer.

As always remember God is with you/us as church. Always before, behind and beside us as we seek to be Christ’s representatives in the world.

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

Pastor KLM <><

Dear St. Paul Congregation:

The choir will have the last rehearsal before the summer on June 4 and the last time we will be singing in on Pentecost, Sunday, June 8. I have a couple of exciting announcements that are somewhat premature but will hopefully make you look forward to the fall:



Debbie Bradley, choir director at First United Methodist Church on 5th Avenue and I met in May to discuss a potential joined concert with our two choirs. Details TBD, but it will probably take place later in August. I think collaborating with Debbie and another church in town is a great opportunity to foster existing relationships and perhaps form new ones. I will keep you updated in the next newsletter.

David Schroth from D.C. Schroth Organ Builders in Kentucky is planning to look at our organ himself and will visit St. Paul soon to verify some information and to get a better sense what a project should entail (someone from his company came by in the fall, as well). Beyond tuning, the organ needs to be cleaned and there are some repairs that will have to be taken care of eventually. We are currently soliciting different opinions and quotes.

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Dear St. Paul Congregation,

As we wrap up the school year, May is full of celebration, gratitude, and excitement for what's ahead! We started the month off with The Jeff Wick Camp Luther Fundraiser, a taco bar filled with all the fixings and served by the youth at St. Paul. The youth successfully raised \$409.00 at this event. Thank you to all who came to support our campers. We appreciate each one of you.

The youth choir of St. Paul sang Psalm 23, "Still Waters" by Leanna Crawford on Mother's Day. The youth enjoyed delivering the message on this special day. It was a message for all to remember to be still and know that God is always with us. We concluded another year of Sunday School. We ended with a scavenger hunt that connected scripture to hymns. We read a scripture and matched it to the hymn it described. This was a bit of a challenge for all. It proved to be great practice and reinforced looking up scripture in all the books of the bible. The youth enjoyed a wonderful end of the year celebration while having dinner together at Gino's and attending the YMCA for a couple hours of swimming. Everyone looks forward to summer days ahead. We have 8 youth and Pastor Mackey attending Camp Luther this year. We will send them off on Father's Day.

We will be celebrating and recognizing our graduates in June. We're proud of our High school and College graduates for their hard work and achievements. We'll be acknowledging graduates during worship and we will have a reception to follow in the parlor. College graduates are Katie Bell, Alex Lindberg, Will Lindberg, Piper May, and Jackson McComas. High School graduates are Adriana Bakley and Dominick Barham. May the love of Christ be with you on your new journeys ahead.

We will be joining Christ The King Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will be July 7th-11th from 6-8pm at Christ The King Lutheran Church. We are evangelizing together and asking all who are interested to help by being a volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out and let me know. I am sure there will be other ways to help as well. I will update everyone as I learn more information. Julia Schreiber is the director. Let's make this a great VBS and invite all we can to share in the experience.

"The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He leads me by still waters until my fears are gone. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I know you are with me, my Father, my Friend. Your Goodness and Mercy shall follow me all of my days. I know by your still waters, I'm safe."

Let summer begin!

Peace and Blessings!

Your Loving sister in Christ,
Jill



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 7-11
AT CHRIST THE KING
LUTHERAN CHURCH

This year we will join with Christ the King Lutheran Church for VBS. Watch the bulletins for more info.



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.

May 26-30: Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-21, John 17:20-26
 June 2-6: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-27
 June 9-13: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15
 June 16-20: Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39
 June 23-27: 1 Kings 19:15-16, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

**WE PRAY
FOR...**



*LaDonna, Helen,
 Judi, Opal,
 Francesca, Stephen,
 Dale, Helen, April,
 Rene, Steve*



BOOK CLUB

June 11 AT 10:00 am in the Parlor

We will be discussing

"The Book of Lost Friends" by Lisa Wingate

We have eight youth who will be attending Camp Luther this summer along with Pastor Mackey (staff). The campers are:

Katie Dowis-Senior Camp
 Bella Stone (friend of Katie)-Senior Camp
 Alex Mackey-Senior Camp
 Cameron May-Senior Camp
 Willow May-Junior Camp
 Karigan Railey-Junior Camp

Zoe McMillion (granddaughter of Dale and Susan Kelz)-Junior Camp
 Adriana Bakley-Senior Camp

We are asking you to pray for all of our campers as they attend Camp Luther. If you would like to send a card please see the example below for addressing the card:

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





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



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

*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*



NOISY OFFERING

NOISY OFFERING FOR ELCA WORLD HUNGER
First Sunday of each month.
So far this year we have collected \$200.





CAMP LUTHER 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.

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| 1 10:00am Worship with Graduation Recognition 1:30pm Pastor at Woodlands | 2 | 3 9:30am Quilting | 4 7:00pm Last Choir Practice | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 10:00am Worship 11:15am Council Meeting | 9 | 10 9:30am Quilting | 11 10:00am Book Club | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 10:00am Worship with Lois Broyles leading  | 16 | 17 9:30am Quilting | 18 | 19 Church office closed | 20 | 21 |
| CHURCH CAMP WEEK 15-21 | | | | | | |
| 22 10:00am Worship | 23 | 24 9:30am Quilting | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10:00am Worship | 30 | | |  | | |



**RECYCLE
INK CARTRIDGES**

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

Altar Guild: Mary Lou Fricke and Jan Kirby

Sanctuary Lamp: Betty Church

Chapel Lamp: Betty Church

| DATE | READER | ASSISTING MIN. | COM. DEACON | CRUCIFER | ACOLYTE | USHERS | BREAD |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| JUNE 1 | Annette Duvall | Keith Wellman | Cheryl Konzett | Daniel Kist | Jaylyn Garnett | Kelz | Asbury |
| JUNE 8 | Mary Lou Pratt | Emma Arneson | Cheryl Konzett | Daniel Kist | Willow May | Kelz | Hale |
| JUNE 15 | Linda Schneider | Linda Schneider | Emma Arneson | Daniel Kist | Kennady Kist | Kelz | Hale |
| JUNE 22 | Barbara Garnett | Keith Wellman | Creigh Pemberton | Daniel Kist | Jackson Wellman | Kelz | |
| JUNE 29 | Mary Lou Fricke | Ruthann Arneson | Bernadette Wellman | Daniel Kist | Jaylyn Garnett | Kelz | |

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FOOD AND CLOTHING PANTRY

For the month of June we will again be collecting boxes of **Tuna Helper**. There are donation containers in the narthex and in the downstairs hallway.



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.



The Word in Season

DEVOTIONAL

available in the narthex
This is a free devotional. Pick one up today!



TACO BAR FUNDRAISER
FOR CAMP LUTHER



The youth sang a special song for Mother's Day.



End of year pizza and pool party for the youth.



Katherine Becker sharing her musical talents with us.