

# ST. PAUL VISITOR JULY AND AUGUST 2024

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY  
AT 10:00AM FOR  
IN PERSON WORSHIP  
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And Proclaim To All The  
Saving Grace Of Jesus  
Christ In Word And  
Deed.

ALL ARE  
WELCOME  
HERE 

## CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

August 25

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

ORDER FROM AMAZON

A link to our Amazon list we will be emailed to the congregation soon. Click the link and choose an item to order from the list. Or click on the QR code next to this announcement.

CHOOSE AN ORNAMENT  
FROM THE TREE

The Christmas tree will be set up in the narthex beginning August 4. Pick an ornament, purchase the item and put it under the tree by August 25.

HIRE A CHRISTMAS ELF

Don't want to do the shopping? Cash or checks can be given to the church and one of our elves will do the shopping for you. Make checks out to St. Paul and write "Blessing Bags" on the memo line.



Scan the QR code above to go to our Amazon wish list to help purchase items for the "Blessing Bags for the Homeless".

An email link can also be found on our Facebook pages and will be emailed out to the congregation. Any questions please see Creigh Pemberton or Kathy Mackey.



## Pastor's reflections

July and August already! It seems like time is moving so much faster these days. Wasn't the end of the school year just a month ago, at least for those in Cabell County? Time is moving faster because I am older now and moving much slower. Who knows?

One of the things I am excited about in July is going to New Orleans and participating in the ELCA Youth Gathering. There will be many youths, adult chaperons, pastors, and outside guests at the Gathering. All total the staff for the Gathering say there are almost 14,000 people. That is a lot of Christ's followers who practice their faith in a Lutheran way!

The theme for the Gathering is: "Created to be." Each day we will look at a subtheme from Created to Be: **Brave – Authentic – Free – Disruptive – Disciples**. Which one of those subthemes is the most interesting to you? I like all of them but the one that intrigues me the most is: **disruptive**. What does it mean that as disciples of Jesus we are disruptive? I think it has much to do with justice. As disciples of Jesus, we are disruptive of the structures and separation that has caught a hold of our society. It seems to me it reminds us that we are called to be inclusive. We are called to be people who share and show the love of Christ everyday in our lives.

We have been collecting a "noisy offering" for the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ELCA World Hunger. In my mind the most important ministry we share together in the ELCA. I wonder if the disruptive theme in New Orleans will remind us of the people in our world, in our country who go to bed hungry. We have collected about \$350 so far. Thank you to all who threw your change in the metal buckets to help others who are hungry. My goal for this "noisy offering" is \$1,000. I think we can make it.

August brings us VBS and Jill May and our Christian Education committee are using the material from the ELCA World Hunger. Looking forward to this. We will also be starting up Adult Forum and Thursday Bible study in August.

So much ministry and activity. Thank you for sharing your gifts both money and time to see St Paul shares and lives and shows the gospel in our neighborhoods.

Pastor KLM <><



### **NOISY OFFERING FOR ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

**Start collecting your change!!** Through the end of the year, on the first Sunday of each month, our youth will collect a "noisy offering" in celebration of ELCA World Hunger's 50th Anniversary.

Our goal is to raise \$1000.00 by December 31.

Your change can make a big change for those who are hungry!

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Thank you for supporting Dr. Alves' guitar solo concert at St. Paul in June. We had a great audience with a good mix of St. Paul people and community members. Even the dean of Marshall's College of Arts and Media, Dr. Maria Gindhart was there and enjoyed talking to Pastor Kevin, as she told me. At the concert, we collected donations for our backpack ministry. Thank you to Dan Beals for the live-stream!

Earlier in June, Chris Nagorka from Kanawha Organ Works came and tuned the organ. I thought he did a great job and seemed very competent. He identified several organ maintenance/repair items and will prepare a to-do list that we can have him work off little by little, as we see fit.

As always, during the month of July I will be traveling to Europe. Keith Wellman and my student Dylan Morgan will be filling in for me during the four July Sundays. I am eternally grateful for them (it is almost impossible to find substitutes) and to St. Paul for allowing me to see my family in Germany. Some engagements during the trip just recently manifested: I will play a full piano solo recital again in my hometown in Germany (part of the program you heard as preludes, offertories, and postludes during the weeks before my departure), and I will also be on the performance faculty of the Sicily International Piano Festival in Noto, Italy for three days, including a piano solo performance on the festival faculty recital and teaching master class lessons for collegiate students.

Just a brief reminder: The praise band Render the Hearts has confirmed that they will be playing for our annual Worship and picnic at Ritter Park on Sunday, September 15.

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## Worship and Picnic in th Park

PICNIC & LIVE MUSIC

September 15

The hot days of summer are here! We have just blinked and June is over. We had a few of our youth attend Girl Scout Camp at Camp Rocky Ledges in Milton, WV. We had a couple of our youth, Daniel & Kennady Kist, participate in packing boxes for children at the City Mission hosted by the Huntington Museum of Art. Thank you to Emma Kist for assisting children in our community to facilitate this. Our 5 youth Campers and 2 adults had a great week at Camp Luther. The campers learned what it means to be "Created to be- brave, authentic, free, disruptive & disciples of God!" All returned home safely with lifted spirits and tired bodies. All campers reported to have the best week ever! I enjoyed listening to their closing songs of "Pass it On" and "Country Roads" upon departure after their last breakfast. The Holy Spirit is alive on the Hillside of Camp Luther. There was also a garden dedication in honor of Joel Gensler. I believe Joel served as a counselor for thirty years at Camp Luther. I met Joel 35 years ago at age 13, my first year as an intermediate camper at Camp Luther. I was nervous, timid, anxious as a first year camper. I remember Joel giving me the biggest bear hug & telling me to go share "it" with everyone. Joel shared the unconditional love of God with all he met. He was a true light and disciple of Christ. It was a true blessing to have known him. The youth held a Walking Taco fundraiser for Camp Luther on June 2nd. It was a wonderful way to share in fun and fellowship and to share camp stories and memories with one another. We entertained about 40 guests and collected \$300 in donations. I am so appreciative for all the hands, big and small, that helped make this event successful.

July is the month we will attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Alex Mackey and Cameron May will be our youth representatives. Pastor Kevin Mackey, Edie and Dan Beals and myself will be the adult representatives from St. Paul. We are prepared to listen, learn, worship, pray, and serve in New Orleans. As we prepare for the National Youth Gathering, we remember we are "Created to be". We are created to be brave, authentic, free, disruptive and disciples of God. The Gathering will be a wonderful experience to learn about faith formation, to worship with thousands of Lutherans, to hear amazing speakers and see musicians, and to do community service. It is "God's work, our hands". I look forward to growing in faith, mind, body and spirit as we prepare for this wonderful opportunity and experience together. Please keep us mindfully in prayer as we travel and as we share in this spiritual journey together.

We will be having "The Tree of Healing" VBS on Tuesday, August 6th through Thursday, August 8th from 6-8pm. This is a VBS created by the ELCA. Children will learn scripture that will parallel with stories of people in other countries. Our service project will consist of collecting monies for backpack programs in other countries and collecting supplies for the backpack program in our community. We will be celebrating the ELCA supporting world hunger for 50 years by supporting hunger for children locally & nationally. We are in need of volunteers for crafts, storytime, music, games and snack supper. If you are interested, there will be sign ups in the Narthex or you can contact Jill May. If you can not donate your time but would like to help with supplies needed, this would be greatly appreciated as well. There will be a sign up sheet of list of supplies needed in Narthex. Help us share the word with others, if you know any children in your neighborhood or community, please invite them. All are welcome! We will end each night in Miller Park with special treats of snow cones, cotton candy, s'mores and song and prayer. Let's bring together brothers and sisters in our community.

Psalm 34:8- Examine and see how good the Lord is. Happy is the person who trusts the Lord.

Let's do Marvelous work together! Lead us Oh God! ~ Amen

Your Loving Sister in Christ,  
Jill

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

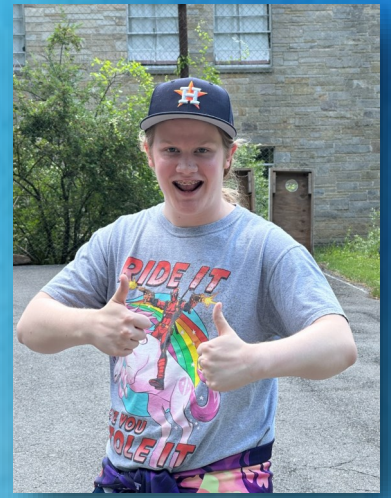
### TREE OF HEALING

August 6-8

6:00-8:00pm

We need several items donated to help make VBS a success. Please sign up in the narthex.







Family members Abby Bell, Norma Gensler, and Rachel Gensler-Hall accept the memorial plaque.

**Garden Dedication Honors Former Camp Luther Family Member**

In a pre-camp ceremony, a garden was dedicated in memory of Joel Gensler. In addition to Gensler's years of service at camp, he also devoted countless hours of work to improve the camp facilities.



Congratulations to Mary Lou Fricke for winning the Labyrinth Quilt made by Norma Gensler for Camp Luther.

**WORSHIP HELPERS FOR JULY and AUGUST**

July 7

Reader: Mary Lou Pratt  
 Assisting Minister: Steve Golder  
 Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett  
 Acolyte: Jaylyn Garnett  
 Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt  
 Bread Provider: Susan Kelz  
 Live Stream:  
 Children's Sermon: Annette DuVall

August 4

Reader: Steve Golder  
 Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman  
 Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett  
 Acolyte:  
 Ushers:  
 Bread Provider:  
 Live Stream:  
 Children's Sermon: Annette DuVall

**ALTAR GUILD**  
 July: Janet Grimes and Linda Hay  
 August: Barb Garnett and Shannon Walker

July 14

Reader: Linda Schneider  
 Assisting Minister: Bernadette Wellman  
 Communion Deacon: Steve Golder  
 Acolyte: Willow May  
 Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt  
 Bread Provider: Susan Kelz  
 Live Stream:  
 Children's Sermon: Jill May

August 11

Reader: Mary Lou Pratt  
 Assisting Minister: Steve Golder  
 Communion Deacon: Jan Kirby  
 Acolyte: Jaylyn Garnett  
 Ushers:  
 Bread Provider:  
 Live Stream:  
 Children's Sermon: Jill May



July 21

Reader: Barbara Garnett  
 Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman  
 Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton  
 Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
 Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt  
 Bread Provider: Susan Kelz  
 Live Stream:  
 Children's Sermon: Emma Kist

August 18

Reader: Annette DuVall  
 Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman  
 Communion Deacon: Cheryl Conzett  
 Acolyte: Willow May  
 Ushers:  
 Bread Provider:  
 Live Stream:  
 Children's Sermon: Emma Kist

July 28

Reader: David Stuart  
 Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider  
 Communion Deacon: David Stuart  
 Acolyte: Jackson Wellman  
 Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt  
 Bread Provider: Susan Kelz  
 Live Stream:  
 Children's Sermon: Pastor Mackey

August 25

Reader: Mary Lou Fricke  
 Assisting Minister: Ruthann Arneson  
 Communion Deacon: Linda Schneider  
 Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
 Ushers:  
 Bread Provider:  
 Live Stream:  
 Children's Sermon: Pastor Mackey





The Stewardship and Finance Committee will meet Sunday July 7 at 8:30am.



**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.

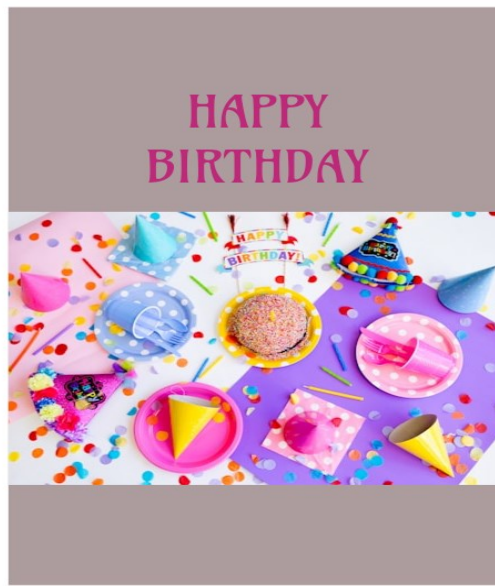
2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

**CREATED**

**TO BE MYLE**  
the table Young Adult Gathering

On July 15 Alex Mackey and Cameron May will be traveling to New Orleans for a week long ELCA Youth Gathering. They will be accompanied by Pastor Mackey, Jill May and Dan and Edie Beals.

We will be handing out prayer cards on July 14 at worship. We ask that you pray for the person listed on your card as well as the other participants. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth—let's pray that they learn more about who they are "Created to Be".



**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 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
- 15 Jennifer Simpson
- 16 Carl Pemberton
- 19 David Vickers
- 20 Alexandria Lindberg; Jeanna Bell; Laura Baker



*July Anniversaries*

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

*August Anniversaries*

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

Join Our Bible Study Group

We will be looking at the Weekly lessons

BEGINNING  
AUGUST 22  
THURSDAYS AT NOON  
BRING YOUR LUNCH  
ALL ARE WELCOME



# DAILY DEVOTIONAL IN YOUR INBOX



The readings listed 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.

July 1-5: Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 8-12: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 15-19: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 22-26: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

July 29-Aug. 2: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Aug. 5-9: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 24:1-8; Ephesians 4:25--5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Aug. 12-16: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Aug. 19-23: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Aug. 26-30: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## WE PRAY FOR:



- LaDonna, Helen, Clarice, Jenny, Jim, Deanna, Laura, Sue, Meredith, Francesca, Lauren, and Carissa.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call the church office.

If you have had your address changed for 911 purposes (or any other reason) please contact the church office to let us know the new address.

**NEW  
ADDRESS!**

## Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For the month of July we will be collecting boxes of cereal for Cridlin. Please leave your donations in containers in the narthex.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are available in the narthex if you would like to give one to someone in need of comfort and prayer. Cards are also available to give with the shawls. These shawls are made by members of St. Paul and are offered free of charge.







# JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:30am Quilting	3	4 Church office closed	5	6
7 8:30am Stewardship/ Finance Meeting 10:00am Worship 1:30pm Pastor at Woodlands	8	9 9:30am Quilting	10	11	12	13
14 10:00am Worship	15	16 9:30am Quilting	17	18	19	20
Youth Gathering in New Orleans						
21 Youth Gathering participants traveling home 10:00am Worship	22	23 9:30am Quilting	24	25	26	27
28 10:00am Worship	29	30 9:30am Quilting	31			

# AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 10:00am Worship	5	6 9:30am Quilting	7	8	9	10
		VBS 6-7:30pm				
11 10:00am Worship	12	13 9:30am Quilting	14	15	16	17
18 10:00am Worship	19	20 9:30am Quilting	21	22 Noon Bible Study	23	24
25 10:00am Worship Christmas in August 11:15am Adult Forum begins	26 1:00pm Woman's Club	27 9:30am Quilting	28	29 Noon Bible Study	30	31



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# ST. PAUL MINISTRIES



Quilting



School Backpack Program



Christmas Baskets



Cool to be a Christian Club



Camp Luther



Lutheran Youth Organization



Worship in the Park



Trunk or Treat



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blessing of the Animals



Christmas in August



Vacation Bible School

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