

# ST. PAUL VISITOR JULY AND AUGUST 2024

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY  
AT 10:00AM FOR  
IN PERSON WORSHIP  
OR ON FACEBOOK

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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.

ALL ARE  
WELCOME  
HERE 



## Worship and Picnic in the Park

PICNIC & LIVE MUSIC

September 15

Blessing  
Bags



## HELP US PACK!

We will be packing 100 Blessing Bags at our annual Worship and Picnic in the Park on September 15. We need everyone's help to pack! Plan now to attend worship, enjoy great food and fellowship, listen to the band, and help out for a good cause!

Thank you to everyone who helped provide items for the Blessing Bags. Many of you purchased items from our Amazon wish list and others purchased snack items from the Christmas tree. Still others purchased McDonald's gift cards. We are overwhelmed with your generosity!

## Pastor's Reflections

Over the next several weeks in our Adult Forum time we will be looking at Celtic Spirituality. The guide for our discussion will be a book entitled: Braving the Thin Places – Celtic Wisdom to Create Space for Grace. I am looking forward to our discussion.

You might be wondering what a “Thin Place” is. Well, in Celtic Spirituality a Thin Place is where God and humanity meet in a mysterious way. One example we talked about the other day in our Forum was when we are with a loved one as they breathe their last breath. One is sad, sorrowful, and beginning to grieve but also calm and serene. It is like God is there and we can feel and sense a presence, one we cannot explain. That is a thin place.

One of the important understandings of Celtic spirituality is the extreme importance of the incarnation – God becoming flesh in Jesus. The incarnation is ongoing. God is continuing to make God's presence known and Thin Places are where we see, feel, sense the presence of the Holy – God.

I also have a book written by a French lady named Madeleine Delbrel. Ms. Delbrel is a poet, social worker, and lay missionary. Her book is entitled: The Holiness of Ordinary People. That seems to me to fit with incarnational theology/ spirituality and thin places. In this little book Ms. Delbrel writes about the people she has encountered within her ministry. She writes these words about solitude:

“To us, the people of the streets, it seems solitude is not the absence of the world but the presence of God. To encounter God everywhere is what makes our solitude.”

So, what does one do with all this? Seems to me that one of the greatest gifts of God to the world is Jesus. As John's gospel tells us – The Word made flesh. God in Jesus is in the world. I like to describe this as holy moments. That is what Celtic Spirituality is all about – holy moments are all of life. I also think another name for holy moments is thin places.

For me, all this information is something I need to ponder. I pray that the Adult Forum and the discussion we will have can help in my pondering. I also think that the ministry and mission we seek to do here at St Paul is about seeing and recognizing those holy moments/ thin places. But not just in this church but also in all our lives lived.

As Fall makes way to Winter, Advent, and Christmas my prayer is that you would see and recognize the holy moments every day in your life.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor KLM <><



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

As always, first, a big *Thank You!* to Keith Wellman and Dylan Morgan for filling in for me during the month of July.

The trip to Europe was wonderful, with precious time spent with my family, and small reunion with two old high school friends, and also musical highlights: a piano festival in Sicily and a solo recital in Germany. The piano festival took place in Noto, a completely preserved Baroque town on a hill that was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2002. I very much enjoyed walking up the street every morning from the apartment to my teaching “studio”, a gorgeous old church.

Travelling back to Germany was somewhat adventurous (though nothing compared to the experience of our delegation in New Orleans!): The volcano Etna had been active and thus my morning flight was canceled. I made it to Germany the same day on a different flight, which took me to Cologne instead of the original destination and used the opportunity to visit Cologne’s majestic cathedral. The pictures show the church in which I was teaching at the Sicily festival and the Cologne Cathedral (“Kölner Dom”).

Looking forward to the Worship and picnic at Ritter Park with “Render the Hearts” on September 15 and starting choir again after the summer break!

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CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at  
7:00pm

All are welcome to  
join us!



Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Greetings and Salutations! The youth are so excited to be back to school and the start of a new school year. We have had an amazing summer, which seems to have flown by so fast. We look forward to our upcoming Church picnic at Ritter park with Render the Hearts and are ready to pack blessing bags for those in need in our community. We will use our hands to do God's work to help others around us. Hopefully, worshipping outside with praise, music and the sharing of food and fellowship will invite many others to gather with us and be fed spiritually. I love when we invite others to sing, worship, and praise God and how we can unite and share in God's love and grace. Let us continue to share the unconditional love of God with our sisters and brothers in our community so that we can be the disciples God created us to be.

June was an amazing month for several of our youth. Camp Luther was a huge success. Campers learned about being created to be Brave, Authentic, Free, and Disruptive Disciples of God. Our campers enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones as well. Olympic nights, pizza, gaga ball, 5 o'clock news, swimming, classes, dances, scavenger hunts and various ways of praying, singing and worshipping are some of the things that make Camp Luther so wonderful!

July was also a spectacular adventure for 4 adults and 2 of our youth. We flew to New Orleans and experienced the city and all of the welcoming people. We were so blessed to worship with 16,000 Lutherans in the "Big Easy". We now have an understanding of this vibrant city with the live music, daily performers, amazing spicy cuisine and soulful seafood and the festive spirit that crowds the streets. It is hot, tropical and has so many sights and venues you must see. We were spiritually uplifted on this journey. We were fed by the Holy Spirit and we became a close knit group as we embraced that we were CREATED TO BE BRAVE, AUTHENTIC, FREE, AND DISRUPTIVE DISCIPLES ! The music was uplifting and the speakers offered many enlightening messages that reassured us of our gifts and our true selves and how we should be disciples in the world around us. Our minds are forever changed, as are our hearts. We left New Orleans, not quickly, due to flight delays, but with the Holy Spirit in our hearts and with the inspiration to take what we learned home to "WALK IT OUT". The theme song was "Walk This Out"! We are to share this unconditional love with all we meet. For everything, that has breath, Praise the Lord, Oh my soul! We will do our best to keep welcoming others to worship and to share in God's love wherever we go!

August was also a joyful month. We celebrated with 10 kids in our community and church with "The Tree of Healing" VBS, which focused on World Hunger. This VBS was created by the ELCA to bring awareness to needs of other people in different countries. We shared bible stories, made crafts, tried new foods, and played games from other countries. We collected change for the ELCA World Hunger efforts, this is the 50<sup>th</sup> year the ELCA has been helping and aiding in these efforts. The adults and children enjoyed in the fun and the fellowship. We ended each night in Miller Park with songs, dancing, snow cones and prayer. It was a great way to share the unconditional love of God in our community. We also celebrated Kennady Kist and her First Holy Communion. We had Blessing of the Backpacks on August 15<sup>th</sup> to pray for all the students and teachers for this upcoming 2024-2025 school year. May everyone have safe and blessed school year!

September 15<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Church Picnic and is also our Rally Day. Youth will participate in worship and packing blessing bags with the members of our congregation. CCC will start on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. We will have a swim and pizza party to kick off the year. We will continue to meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each month from 5:30-7pm. The youth will start Sunday School on the following Sunday- September 22nd, following worship. We will be having Trunk or Treat in October and Blessing of the Animals. We hope to have the events together this year. I hope you have enjoyed your summer and look forward to worship and fellowship together this fall. Let us all be brave, authentic, free, and disruptive disciples of God. Let us be the change we need!

In the words from the ELCA Gathering song, "Walk This Out"

What's the Good News? What's the Good News? Death has no hold on me.

What's the Good News? What's the Good News? My life has been washed clean

Whatcha gonna do? Whatcha gonna do? Tell everyone I see.

Whatcha gonna do? Whatcha gonna do? I'M GOING TO WALK THIS OUT!

Your Loving Sister in Christ,

Jill

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Isaiah Garnett
- 3 Betty Church, Pat Jones, Jan Kirby
- 4 Wilda Maynor, Christine Vickers
- 6 Katie Bell, Luke Fornash
- 8 Zak Garnett
- 9 Garrin Simpson
- 10 Jennifer Murray, Brad Bell
- 11 Trudy Hesse
- 14 Ruthann Arneson
- 16 Jo Kendall
- 18 Daniel Kist
- 21 Annette DuVall
- 27 Dominick Barham, Neil Arneson
- 29 Carolyn Becker



**September Anniversaries**

**26 DAN AND EDIE BEALS**



**HARVEST SUNDAY OCTOBER 6**

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH WITH MUMS  
ORDERS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 22 COST IS \$10 EACH  
WITH \$5 GOING TOWARDS BACKPACKS AND QUILTERS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF MUMS: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10 FOR ONE  
LARGE MUM**

If you pay by check please write  
"mums" on the memo line. Make  
checks out to "St. Paul Lutheran  
Church".



## WORSHIP HELPERS FOR SEPTEMBER

### September 1

Reader: Barbara Garnett  
Assisting Minister: Linda Schneider  
Communion Deacon: Steve Golder  
Acolyte: Jackson Wellman  
Ushers: Shannon Walker/Jaylyn Garnett  
Bread Provider: Ruthann Arneson  
Live Stream:  
Children's Sermon: Annette DuVall

### September 22

Reader: Norma Gensler  
Assisting Minister: Norma Gensler  
Communion Deacon: Jenny Murray  
Acolyte: Daniel Kist  
Ushers: Mary Lou Pratt  
Bread Provider:  
Live Stream:  
Children's Sermon: Emma Kist

### ALTAR GUILD

Edie Beals and  
Julie Huron

### September 8

Reader: Steve Golder  
Assisting Minister: David Stuart  
Communion Deacon: Creigh Pemberton  
Acolyte: Willow May  
Ushers:  
Bread Provider:  
Live Stream:  
Children's Sermon: Jill May

### September 29

Reader: Annette DuVall  
Assisting Minister: Keith Wellman  
Communion Deacon: Cheryl Konzett  
Acolyte: Kennady Kist  
Ushers: Shannon Walker/Jaylyn Garnett  
Bread Provider:  
Live Stream:  
Children's Sermon: Pastor Mackey



### September 15 Church Picnic

Reader: Jenny Murray  
Assisting Minister: Steve Golder  
Communion Deacon: Bernadette Wellman  
Acolyte: Jaylyn Garnett  
Ushers:  
Bread Provider:  
Live Stream:  
Children's Sermon: Pastor Mackey



We will be celebrating our veterans on Sunday, November 10. We would like to collect information on any member, living or deceased, who has served in the military. Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate. You may also email the information to Kathy at [secretary@stpaulhuntington.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulhuntington.org) or give it to her on Sunda morning.

The information will be published in the bulletin on November 10.



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

VETERAN OF CONFLICT: (please specify Korean, Vietnam, etc)

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Check out our website for more photos:  
[www.stpaulhuntington.org](http://www.stpaulhuntington.org)





STEWARDSHIP AND  
FINANCE  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING

September 9 at 6:30pm



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.

Pastoral  
CARE

If you need Pastoral care for any reason, sickness, surgery, hospital stay, other concerns, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Mackey. He would love to visit with you and offer prayer. His cell phone number is 724-212-9393. You may also call the church office at 304-525-9630 if you would like to be added to the prayer chain.



Birthday  
Celebration

CAROLYN BECKER WILL BE CELEBRATING HER  
90TH BIRTHDAY ON SEPTEMBER 29.  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE  
WITH HER AT 12:30PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Join Our  
Bible Study  
Group

We will be looking  
at the  
Weekly lessons

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.



Aug. 26-30: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15;  
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
Sept. 2-6: Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17;  
Mark 7:24-37  
Sept. 9-13: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 116:1-9; James  
3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38  
Sept. 16-20: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James  
3:13--4:3, 7-8; Mark 9:30-37  
Sept. 23-27: Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3; Psalm 103:1-5,  
20-22; Revelation 12:7-12; Luke 10:17-20

## GIVING OF BIBLES



As part of their Baptismal journey, we give new Bibles to our students during certain milestones. On Sunday, September 15 we will be giving Bibles to several of our students. Please plan to be here to celebrate with them.

## Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry

For the month of September we will be collecting cans of tuna for Cridlin. Please leave your donations in containers in the narthex.



## WE PRAY FOR:



*LaDonna, Helen, Clarice,  
Deanna, Laura, Sue,  
Meredith, Francesca,  
Lauren, Carissa, James,  
Curt, David, Cindy and  
Gary.*



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

The Word in Season devotional for October, November, December is available in the narthex. This is a free devotional.



## 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.





From Carolyn Becker:

Granddaughter Roxonna Elizabeth Haghghi and Casper Hill Timberlake will be married September 7, 2024 in Boone, NC at 5:00pm. Roxonna is the daughter of Kamine Becker and Jamshid Haghghi. Carolyn is looking forward to being with all her family for this beautiful celebration.



We have collected  
\$499.05 so far!

### NOISY OFFERING FOR ELCA WORLD HUNGER

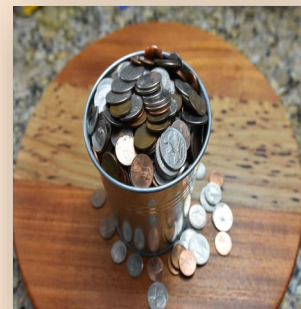
**Start collecting your change!!** Through the end of the year, on the first Sunday of each month, our youth will collect a “noisy offering” in celebration of ELCA World Hunger’s 50th Anniversary.

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

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

#### **We will have a couple of special collection days:**

- September 15 during the picnic
- October 27 Reformation Sunday
- November 17 for Thanksgiving
- December 24 Christmas Eve worship



## SCHOOL HAS STARTED!

Your donations will help provide weekend meals for students at Southside Elementary School.

Backpack items are an ongoing need throughout the school year. We provide 25 backpacks each week! If you can help by donating any of the items below, please leave them in the containers in the narthex or bring to the church office.



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|---------------------|------------------------|
| fruit cups          | applesauce             |
| Mac and Cheese      | Beef-a-Roni            |
| Beef sticks         | Cereal                 |
| Pop Tarts           | Fruit snacks           |
| Drink boxes         | Shelf stable milk      |
| tuna salad/crackers | chicken salad/crackers |

**All items need to be individual sizes and not contain peanuts.**

**Please leave your items in the container in the narthex or bring to the church office.**



# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 1:30pm Pastor at Woodlands		9:30am Quilting 12:00pm Pastor at QRT	7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum	6:30pm Stewardship/Finance Meeting	9:30am Quilting	12:00pm Pastor at QRT  7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
10:00am Worship and Picnic in the Park		9:30am Quilting	6:00pm CCC 7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		10:00am Synod Meeting in Charleston
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum 11:15am Sunday School starts 12:15am Council Meeting		9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
10:00am Worship 11:15am Adult Forum and Sunday School 12:30pm Birthday Party for Carolyn Becker	1:00p, Woman's Club	9:30am Quilting	7:00pm Choir	Noon Bible Study		





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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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