



# *The Messenger*

## *June 2025*

**St. Paul's  
Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Church**

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**FROM PASTOR MUSE**



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*June 23-27—9 am until Noon*

*Lunch is included!*

Register at [livingbody.org](https://livingbody.org)

*Pentecost is June  
8!  
Remember to  
wear red!*

## HEALING EVENT TUESDAY, JUNE 17 AT 7:00 PM.

A healing event will be held on Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 PM. This event will include a sound bath, meditation, Reiki, Hot stones, deep heat, Light therapy, Red Light, and other avenues of healing. All are welcome to attend, and no experience is needed.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who made my celebration of ordination and anniversary of call so special. It was a true joy to gather with the community and celebrate such a milestone for myself and the church. Each of you added such joy to the day. Thank you for being God's people.

Pastor Timothy Muse

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## FROM PASTOR THOMPSON

### News from Around the Church

**May 17<sup>th</sup> was the Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly.** This was a half-day, online assembly. The meeting was kept to immediate business. We elected new synod council members and constitutionally required committees. The 2027-2028 synod budget was reviewed and accepted.

The more exciting news is the **One Church Experiment**. It is a plan for congregations like Zion and First to increase shared ministries. It takes the parish model one step further with the training of lay leaders, as well as calling rostered leaders and sharing financial responsibilities—the full description is at [www.neoselca.org/one-church-experiment](http://www.neoselca.org/one-church-experiment). This dovetails into the Parish Council's communications to neighboring congregations to work toward more shared missions and possible parish partners. Bishop Barbins (bishop of our synod) announced that Presiding Bishop Eaton is not running for a third term as the Presiding Bishop. At the churchwide assembly, July 28-

August 2, in Phoenix, Arizona, the Assembly Voting Members will elect a new Presiding Bishop. The term of our current ELCA Secretary also expires. So that office will be open for the current secretary to be re-elected or a new secretary elected. The Churchwide Assembly will also review current social statements that are in the works, approve the ELCA churchwide budget, and other reports and materials. The bulletin of report will be available at [ELCA.org/about/leadership/churchwide-assembly](http://ELCA.org/about/leadership/churchwide-assembly) by early July. You will also be able to watch the assembly livestream on [youtube.com/@elca](https://youtube.com/@elca).

Peace,

*Pastor Diana Thompson*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our theme for 2024-2025 School year

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.!” *Matthew 11:29*

We have concluded our education program at St. Paul’s for the year. We thank Trudy Mehl, Diana Cullen and Pastor Muse for their dedication to teaching and guiding our congregation in growing their faith. We also thank Jill Mehl and all those who have been leading Children’s Church. It is truly a blessing to such committed leaders.

**Bible Study** gathers on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join

“**Christ in our home**” devotional books are available on the table in Garnes Hall.

If you would like to receive the Daily Devotional email sign up through the web-site or contact the pastor for assistance.

The **youth group** will take a break for the summer and resume in the fall. Watch for future announcements.

Our Library continues to grow and expand. Take the opportunity to visit our collection and see if there is something that speaks to you.

**Vacation Bible School** will be June 23 through June 27. The Theme this year is “Wonder Junction.”

## KLUSCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Now is the time for eligible youth of St. Paul’s to apply for consideration for The Klusch Memorial Scholarships.

**Please use the following guidelines:**

An applicant, in addition to the letter of application, submits a copy of any financial grants, a college or high school transcript, and a listing of registered courses for the next semester. A copy of the student’s financial awards from the school will be requested.

**Requests for scholarship consideration should be made in writing by June 1 .** It is the intent of the Committee to notify applicants by July 1.

**Send to:** Pastor Muse,  
3295 S. Union Ave  
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The Klusch Memorial Scholarships are primarily intended to get students initially into school, they can be used for any type of higher education such as trade schools, adult education etc., and after that the amount will depend on the number of applicants and availability of funds. The month of August is designed as Scholarship emphasis month.



## MUSIC & WORSHIP

Music & Worship Committee will meet Sunday, May 4 immediately following the service. Please see Gina Falconer if you are unable to attend.

Pentecost is coming up on **Sunday, June 8. Wear RED** and show we are on fire with the Holy Spirit!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all those who participated in our singing and ringing choirs this year. As our choir season is

coming to an end, we appreciate your willingness to spend your time and share your talents with us!

Special music will be offered throughout the summer months. If you would like to sing or play an instrument to offer special music during a service this summer, please see Pastor Muse or Gina Falconer

*The Eternal Flame is given to the glory of God  
In memory of my husband, Denny  
by Debbie Rhome.*



## Happy June Birthday to You!

May you enjoy many more and may God bless each one of you in many ways as you enjoy another year in God's grace.

1 - Karen Ziemke	11 - Erin Brookes	20 - Barbara Caner	30 - Lisa Furcolow
1 - Aubrey Korosy	11 - Selma Kennedy	21 - Sheila Campbell	
3 - Katie Kirk Morrison	12 - Molly Hayes	23 - Bethany White	
4 - Harriet Fahnert	13 - Briana Broadwater	23 - Lucas Woolf	
5 - Logan Waite	17 - Jake Hardin	24 - Jolene Huffman	
6 - David Lundgren	18 - Kyle Zeimke	26 - Bill Mehl	
6 - Richard Cordingly	18 - Lori Zeigler	27 - Nathan Ellsworth	
7 - Judi Ince	18 - Ann White	27 - Ed Roller	
7 - Kathy Schafer	19 - Laura Lavery	29 - Andy Castina	
10 - Kevin Palmer	20 - Jerry Valentine	30 - Michael Swain	



## FELLOWSHIP

## Sunday, June 1, 2025

### Introduction

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

### Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Readings and Psalm

**Acts 16:16-34** *While in prison, Paul speaks to the jailer, who is then baptized* **Psalm 97** Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous. (Ps. 97:12)

**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21** *Blessed are those who wash their robes* **John 17:20-26** *Jesus prays that the disciples will be one and abide in his love*

## Sunday, June 8, 2025

### Introduction

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

### Prayer of the Day

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Readings and Psalm

**Acts 2:1-21** *Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds* **Genesis 11:1-9** (alternate) *God destroys the tower of Babel* **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30) **Romans 8:14-17** *The Spirit makes us children of God* **Acts 2:1-21** (alternate) *Filled with the Spirit to proclaim God's deeds* **John 14:8-17 [25-27]** *The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth*

## Sunday, June 15, 2025

### Introduction

"O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as

we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Readings and Psalm

**Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31** *Wisdom rejoices in the creation* **Psalm 8** Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2) **Romans 5:1-5** *God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit* **John 16:12-15** *The Spirit will guide you into the truth*

## Sunday, June 22, 2025

### Introduction

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

### Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Readings and Psalm** **Isaiah 65:1-9** *The prophet sent to a rebellious people* **Psalm 22:19-28** In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22) **Galatians 3:23-29**

*In baptism, clothed with Christ; no longer Jew or Greek*

**Luke 8:26-39** *Jesus casts out demons possessing a man of the Gerasenes*

## Sunday, June 29, 2025

### Introduction

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

### Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Readings and Psalm

**1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

*Elijah says to Elisha, Follow me and do not continue plowing*

**Psalm 16** I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8) **Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

*Love is the whole law, gift of the Spirit*

**Luke 9:51-62** *Jesus says, Follow me and do not look back*

June 2025						
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 person and	2 7:00 pm Grief Support	3 7:00 pm Committee Meetings	4 10:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist (in-person and online) 7:00 pm Bible Study	5	6	
8 person and	9	10 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	11 10:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist (in-person and online) 7:00 pm Bible Study	12	13 12:00 pm Deborah's	
15 person and	16 7:00 pm Grief Support	17 7:00 pm Healing Event	18 10:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist (in-person and online) 7:00 pm Bible Study	19	20	8:30 am Men's Bre
Due						
22 person and	23 9:00 am VBS	24 9:00 am VBS 5:00 pm Alliance Commu- nity Dinner	25 9:00 am VBS	26 9:00 am VBS	27 9:00 am VBS	
29 person and	30 7:00 pm Grief Support					

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

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June Coffee Hour Volunteers:

June 1 Greg and Cathy Brookes

June 8 Paul and Sherry Hobe

June 15 Sue and Melissa Sanor

June 22 TBA

June 29 Paul and Donna Cubick, Joyce Falconer

We enjoy a wonderful reception for Pastor Tim's 25th Ordination celebration. A catered luncheon was provided by Minerva Catering and enjoyed by all. He was given his Certificate from the Synod for his service of 25 years as a Lutheran pastor. This also was a day of honoring his 16th year of being called as pastor of St. Paul's. He was given a wonderful monetary gift as a show of appreciation from the congregation. Our Alliance Mayor, Andy Grove, also presented him with a proclamation letter indicating it was "Pastor Timothy Muse" day in Alliance in honor of his 25th anniversary of ordination and the many ways he has interacted with our community since moving to Alliance.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We have wrapped up our project of gathering disposable diapers for the Community Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who participated in this outreach. All donations were appreciated.

We began the "Change for Life" baby bottle campaign on Sunday, May 11 and it will continue into the month of June. When at the church, please take a bottle with you and fill it with your spare change. If you choose to make a donation by cash or check, please feel free to do so, just make sure it is marked clearly "Baby Bottle Campaign" when mailing or dropping it off at the church.

Our "Outreach Team" came to the aid of the YMCA on Monday, May 5 by making and delivering 110 sloppy joe lunches in place of their regular meal program. It was a last minute emergency but it was handled quite well by those who were able to pitch and get the job done. Thanks so much!

### YOUTH GROUP

**EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 PM**

All youth, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to a time of food, fellowship, games, and learning. **This is open to 1st grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

### ADULT EDUCATION

Bible Study Wednesday at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

The Deborah's will meet Friday, June 13 at 12:00 PM.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's breakfast: Saturday June 14th at 8:30 AM. Please note this is a shift in weeks from previous months. We look forward to hosting the men of the church.

### EUCHRE AND DOMINOS

Friday, June 6, at 7:00 PM.

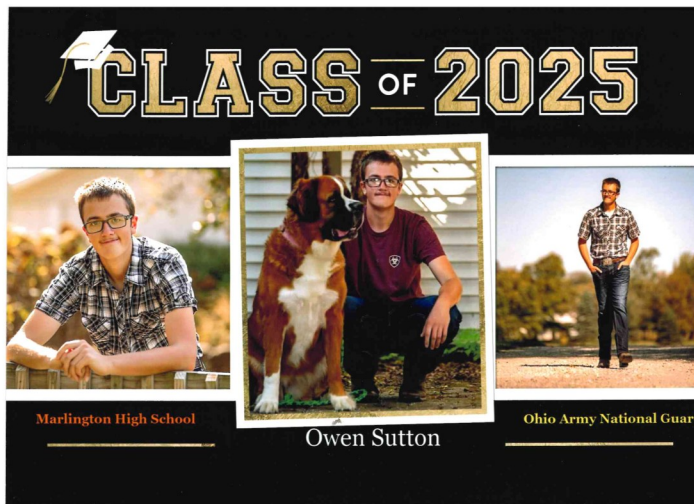
### MID-WEEK EUCHARIST

Join us for a time of prayer, word and Holy Communion. The service begins at noon and lasts about twenty-five minutes.



## 2025 GRADUATES

Kaitlyn Waite, daughter of Joanna (White) Waite, is graduating from Alliance High School on May 25th. She plans to attend Cleveland State University in the fall with a Sport and Entertainment Management Major and Theater Minor.



Owen Sutton is graduating from Marlinton High School. He enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard. He will do basic training, he plans to attend school for Digital Media. His party will be July 5 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at 500 W. Bayton St. Alliance, Oh.

Kathleen Thompson graduated from Alliance High School in May of 2025. She is the daughter of Pastor Timothy Muse and Pastor Diana Thompson. After graduation she looks to work and volunteer in the Alliance area,





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Owen Marriner is graduating from Marlinton High School. He was awarded the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award for his leadership and excellence playing trumpet in Jazz Band, Concert Band, and the Marching Dukes of Marlinton. He also received the Walter Family Scholarship through the Marlinton Alumni Association and was an Elks Teenager of the Month for Marlinton High School. Owen will be attending Kent State University in the fall, majoring in Animation and Game Design.



Brady White graduated from Alliance High School with Summa Cum Laude honors. He will be attending the University of Mount Union as an Invest in Alliance scholarship winner and will major in mechanical engineering. He will also be playing baseball for Mount Union.

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The Reverend Timothy H. Muse - Lead Pastor  
The Reverend Diana Thompson - Administrative Pastor

Rhonda Ferrall - Secretary

Kathy Sloan - Organist

Gina M. Falconer - Director of Music

Gayle B. Fiegenschuh - Communion Minister and Visitation

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 23 THROUGH JUNE 27.**

The Theme this year is "Wonder Junction."

**ANNUAL SHREDDER EVENT COMING.**  
**JUNE 28, 9 AM—NOON.**

Save your personal documents that need secure shredding. Donations of non-perishable food or cash will go to the Alliance Food Pantry.