



# The Messenger

## June 2024

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

**FROM PASTOR MUSE**

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# VBS

*Monday, June 24 -  
Friday, June 28*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Registration is now open!  
Go to our website to register  
online or pick up a form at the  
church.*

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**Meditation**

**Tuesday, June 18, at 7:00 pm. Join in person or online.**

There is no experience needed. Wear comfortable clothes and enjoy a time of peace, quiet, and centering.

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VBS is a wonderful opportunity for the church to celebrate its youth and open its doors to the community around us. Through story-telling, music art, and other activities children get the chance to learn and grow, as well as have fun and be part of the community. This is a chance for us to shine, as a community of faith, and support the lives of the young people inside and outside. I would encourage you to support this program however you are able. If you can do-

nate supplies, please do. If you can give a few hours then please some out. This is how we grow our ministry and it takes all of us to do it well.

Soli Deo Gloria,

**Pastor Muse**

## THE JOY AND SACRIFICE OF SERVING

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. (John 15:12-13 NRSV)*

This text is from our Gospel on May 5, 2024. It is a reminder that serving God is also serving God’s world. It is a joy and a sacrifice. Like everything in life, we must say “no” to another when choosing one option. We are called to bless others, which also means we voluntarily give our time, finances, and energy.

This text strikes me during this lectionary cycle because I have volunteered to spend a week with about 15,000 youth and their adult chaperones. This is the National Youth Gathering (NYG), a life-changing event that brings together thousands of young people nationwide. The pre-gathering events in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 14-20, will be filled with young people learning more about faith and serving the people in and around New Orleans. My specific role(s) has not been told to me. I could be working an information booth, greeting participants at mass gatherings, or taking them to their service projects.

I chose this volunteer opportunity for two reasons. First, the Canton City Lutheran Parish has no active youth in the NYG age bracket. Second, I have the time and ability to help make this event as powerful for this year’s participants as I have seen it change and challenge the young people I took as a chaperone. I attended this event when I was in high school

and it was a transformative experience. I know the power it has for young people to see there are thousands of other Lutheran Youth, and together, we can make a difference in each other’s lives and the city we are visiting.

What do I know from attending? I will be busy all day, every day of the week. The gift I can give of my time and the costs of travel are small compared to the return on the lives of the attendees. I will also grow and be challenged in my faith.

How can you contribute? It doesn’t have to be a week with thousands of teens. Will you make time for the ministries of the congregation? Would you consider taking on a leadership role for a congregation? If you’re unsure, we’re here to help you find the right fit.

If you don’t know where you can help, talk to Pastor Tim or me. Then, reach out to our committee leaders: Greg Brookes and Karen Wolfe—Outreach; Pastor Diana—Ministry Support; Gina Falconer—Worship; Jill Mehl—Vacation Bible School; Norita Webb—Fellowship.

The more each of us serves, the less burden on every one of us, and most importantly, more work is done to share God’s love and bless God’s world.

*Peace, Pastor Diana*

## WELLNESS EVENTS

### YOGA JUNE 22, 2024

Join us for yoga. Angela is leading us in a time of refreshment, renewal, flexibility, and connection to our bodies and God. No experience is necessary. Please bring an exercise mat, if you have one. Some mats are available.

### MEDITATION TUESDAY, JUNE 18, AT 7:00 PM

There is no experience needed. Wear comfortable clothes and enjoy a time of peace, quiet, and centering. Join Pastor Muse on-line or in-person.

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



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our theme for the 2023 School year

**“We will do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God!”** Micah 6:8

**We thank our teachers** who faithfully presented God’s Word this year. Trudy Mehl, Michelle and Kevin Hoopes, Josh White, Diana Cullen, and Pastor Muse. The church is blessed by your willingness to serve.

**Children’s Church will continue through the summer.** This opportunity is for children up to 5th grade to have their own time that will take place during the Word section of worship. The Children who wish to participate will leave after the Children’s Sermon and return during the greeting of peace.

**Bible Study** meets at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. We are the book of 1 Corinthians. All are welcome to attend.

**Daily Devotionals** 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 weekly **youth group** is every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. It is open to all youth from 1st grade through 12th grade. We gather for a meal then learn and play games. Come join the fun.

Check out all the wonderful resources our **library** has to offer. There are many items that can enhance your journey of faith.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be Monday June 24th to Friday June 28th. Mark your calendars and invite your friends. The sessions will be 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM each day. If you would like to volunteer please see Pastor Muse or Jill Mehl.

**MUSIC & WORSHIP**

Music & Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Please see Gina Falconer if you cannot attend.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who participated in choir and bell choir this season. Your dedication and willingness to share your talents is a blessing.

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 or Gina Falconer.



**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.

**Send to:** Pastor Muse,  
3295 S. Union Ave,  
Alliance, Oh 44601

**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.

*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.*

**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.

**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.

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



## JUNE 2024—The Word of God in Worship

### Sunday, June 2, 2024

#### **Introduction**

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Readings and Psalm**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 *The commandment regarding the sabbath*

Psalm 81:1-10 Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1) 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 *Treasure in clay jars* Mark 2:23—3:6 *Doing the work of God on the sabbath*

### Sunday, June 9, 2024

#### **Introduction**

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Readings and Psalm**

Genesis 3:8-15 *God confronts Adam and Eve in the garden*

Psalm 130 Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7) 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 *Renewed in the inner nature* Mark 3:20-35 *Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ*

### Sunday, June 16, 2024

#### **Introduction**

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world.

Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** **Readings and Psalm** Ezekiel 17:22-24 *The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel*

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12) 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 *In Christ, a new creation* Mark 4:26-34 *The parable of the mustard seed*

### Sunday, June 23, 2024

#### **Introduction**

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Readings and Psalm** Job 38:1-11 *The creator of earth and sea*

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29) 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 *Paul's defense of his ministry* Mark 4:35-41 *Christ calming the sea*

### Sunday, June 30, 2024

#### **Introduction**

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Readings and Psalm** Lamentations 3:22-33

*Great is the LORD's faithfulness* Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (alternate) *God created humankind for immortality*

Psalm 30 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1) 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

*Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus* Mark 5:21-43 *Christ healing a woman and Jairus's daughter*

<b>June 2024</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<p><b>Note:</b> All worship services are available in person and online.</p> <p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 am Adult Education</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist 5:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
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## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

### EUCHRE

Friday, **June 14 at 7:00 pm** in Garnes Hall. You do not need to know how to play to join us. We will be happy to teach you.

### 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.**

### SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

#### Coffee volunteers for June:

June 2 Dave and Donna Muse

June 9 Gayle Kelly, Pat Nelson, Betsy Goshorn

June 16 Jeff and Norita Webb

June 23 Greg and Cathy Brookes, Will and Judy Saunders

June 30 TBD

Donations of Punch are always appreciated!!

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

The Deborah's will meet on Friday June 14 at Noon in Garnes Hall.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

**All men are welcome!** Join us June 22 at 8:30 am for breakfast, fellowship, and supporting each other in life and faith.

## GROWING IN FAITH AND SERVING OTHERS

### ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Studies. Join us at 10 am or 7 pm to grow in faith through Scripture study.

### MID-WEEK EUCHARIST

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

### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

**The Change 4 Life mission is in full swing.** Please take a baby bottle and fill it with change, bills or write a check. Make sure to identify the donation on the memo line. Thank you.

#### Alliance Community Dinner

Dinners continue to run smoothly on the fourth Tuesday of each month. We are thankful for the volunteers who faithfully show up each month to make this happen.

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Gayle B. Fiegenschuh - Communion Minister and Visitation

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
AND TELL YOUR FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS!**

**Vacation Bible School**

June 24-28, 9 am—12 pm

**Shredder Event**

Saturday, June 15th

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**RENOVATION TASK FORCE**

The Renovation Task Force thanks everyone for the positive vote on May 19th to proceed with the outlined project.

We will continue to update you on expected timelines and developments. It will be an exciting time!

Norita, Cathy, Ron, Paul, Mark & Pastor