



## **ST. PAUL-ZION DUAL PARISH**

### **JUNE 2025**

#### **A Few Thoughts from Pastor**

Can you name the “major festivals” of the Christian year? And by major festivals I mean those special events or times each year when the Church gathers to recall and celebrate some very important event in the life of Christ. Many have whittled the number of major festivals (times they “have to” go to church) down to only one or two, but historically there are actually thirteen (13) such festivals.

*Thirteen? ... more than just Christmas and Easter? Let's see, maybe Good Friday and Ash Wednesday, that would be four; and then maybe that “Monday” (Maundy) Thursday thing during Holy Week, that would be five. I can't really think of any other special times that we have to (I mean “get to”) go to church, and I'm still missing eight. Oh, I give up. Besides, does it really matter; don't I/we already go to church enough?*

Well first of all, as you may have already noticed, some of the major festivals do actually fall on Sundays and so there aren't so-called special services for them. These would include Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday. Others, like Ash Wednesday, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Ascension (always on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter) never fall on Sunday. And Christmas and Epiphany (January 6) may or may not fall on a Sunday depending on the calendar for that particular year.

And there you have them, the thirteen major festivals of the Christian year. Collectively, they represent and highlight the life of Christ and His work here on earth for us. Gathering as Church to commemorate these special days/events keeps us anchored to Him as our source of life and hope, and unfortunately, “skipping” them in effect starves our faiths of the spiritual nourishment we need. It's sad that so many in the modern church are just too busy, too preoccupied, or too annoyed with someone or another to gather to celebrate and remember these important moments in the life of our Lord and Savior ... and yet they (we/I) find time for so many other far less important things. Lord, have mercy!

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Now some of you may have noticed that New Year's Eve/Day, Mother's/Father's Day, Memorial Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving do not rate as "major festivals" in the Church even though we often recognize these civil or secular days along with some "minor festivals" historically significant for the Church. For a list of other feasts and festivals, see pages xi & following in the Lutheran Service Book. This continuing focus on the key days in the life of Christ reveals the Church's "obsession" (word used in only the most positive sense possible) with the person and work of Her Savior, Jesus Christ, for it is in Him, and Him alone, that we find hope and salvation. The things of this world will pass away, but He and His kingdom remain forever.

So why all this talk about festivals and such? Well, for one thing, I suspect we all need to be reminded from time to time to help keep our priorities straight. It can be quite easy to skip church (especially all those "extra" services) or to neglect Bible Study or daily devotions and prayer, and the more we do it (skip) the easier it (skipping) becomes. But make no mistake about it, we do so at our own peril. The faith that the Holy Spirit created in us is a living faith, and it needs care and nourishment, and when we neglect it, we run the risk of it becoming weak, sick, and perhaps even dying. We would never tolerate someone failing to feed a small child ... so why would we sometimes starve our faith, or allow our children to do so, by not taking advantage of every opportunity to gather to hear God's life-giving, faith preserving and strengthening Word? Lord, have mercy.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 40 days after Easter, we will join with the rest of the Church as She gathers to remember and celebrate our Lord's Ascension into heaven. This may be a "new" service for some of you, but it is entirely fitting that we pause from our "busy" lives to recall this important event. For those with conflicts on Sunday mornings, this is another opportunity to join your church family in worship, and for the rest of us it is yet another opportunity to receive the gifts Jesus died to give us. It is my sincere hope and prayer that all of you will join us for this "major festival" on the 29<sup>th</sup>!

In His service,  
*Pastor Holle*

### ***Happy 75th Birthday to Barbara!***

*Please join us for a celebration of cake, ice cream and punch  
to celebrate Barbara Jean Mueller.*

*Friday, June 13th from 2-5 pm.*

*"Come and Go" at BCDS  
in the commons area  
511 Delaware  
Hiawatha, KS 66434*



# Stewardship



## Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.*

The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).

He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

*Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.*

Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.

But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

*Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.*

Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.

This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.*

Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.

The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

## ST. PAUL DORCAS

On May 4, 2025 our Dorcas group met in the basement after the morning church service. Refreshments were served by Cindy Manche. Our morning Bible Study lesson 2 day 5 "The rest of Mary's story" was led by Becky Holle.

Leslie Brockhoff opened our business meeting. Roll call was taken by Karen Bauman. There were 11 members present. April minutes were read by Karen Bauman and approved by Nancy Manche. For correspondence: Karen Bauman read a thank you from LWML Kansas District President Elaine Engleman, she had received a gift from NE Kansas Zone for being a speaker at our Spring Event. Information from Kansas for Life and a flyer from Lutherans For Life. Treasurer Kathy Heiniger gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted. No officers report. Special Committees: Cindy Manche reported on NE Kansas Zone Spring Event.

Unfinished business: Rosalie Mellenbruch will be taking care of the Lutherans for Life Mother's Day table.

New business: we tabled visits to Maple Heights (birthdays) for August 27, 2025 and to AC Home Apartments until next month.

The general offering was taken.

Announcements: June 1st Bible Study leader will be Sadie Meyer; Hostess will be Sharon Meyer. Altar Committee for June will be Helen Hoppe, Nancy Manche and Elder Galen Meyer.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Acting Secretary, Karen Bauman

The Evangelism Committee would like to report and say thank you for your help on our community service/appreciation projects. We had 20 participants helping tie 16 fleece blankets, plant 8 flower pots and coloring messages to attach to each blanket. We delivered the plants and the blankets on Thursday. Thank you to all, everyone did a great job. A special thank you to Linda for helping prepare the material, and to Helen Hoppe for donating an additional blanket.



ZION LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha, Kansas 66434  
May 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Zion Lutheran Church LWML was held May 13 and was called to order by Diane Davis in the absence of the President with 4 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Diane provided the treasurer's report.

Discussion was had on a fundraiser to be held on July 3 with Hiawatha's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The matter was tabled at this time.

Becky gave a short devotion taken from The Book of Family Prayer.

It was decided by those attending that we would not hold regular meetings during the months of June, July and August as we did last summer. Any urgent business that needs to be handled can be accomplished with a short meeting following worship services. The next regular meeting will be September 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Anne Arnesen  
Secretary

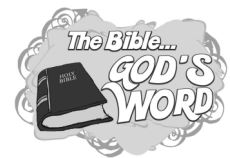


### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**We invite all kids** to come and join us for Sunday School!  
Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at **9:15am at Zion.**  
Sunday School **at St. Paul** starts after the service at **9:30am.**  
The Zion Adult Bible Class meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.  
Please come join us!!

### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

**Midweek Bible Study** meets at 7:00pm on Wednesday nights  
and will rotate between St. Paul and Zion. Please join us!



***Pastor Holle has a radio broadcast on KNZA  
at approximately 10:05am on Sunday mornings.***

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Military:** Spencer Ernst, Alexander Williams

**College:** Joey Meyer, Megan Brockhoff, Paige Stover, Gunner Smith.

**Care Facilities & Shut-Ins:** Carol Bauer, Gene Rice, Esther Krug, Doris Rice, Jua-Fritz, Don Robidoux.

**Also in our prayers:** Darlene Atland, Malcolm Gigstad, Jill Kohlmeier, Becky Holle, Tim Bianchi, Danny Bauerle, Katie Fry, Jeanne Lowe, Wes Duesing, Richard Clay, Aimee Hampl, Carl Mueller.

**We Remember** the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord (Bonnie Reynolds, Doug Spellmeier) and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



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**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

*June 1-Emma Boyer, June 5-Traci Stover, June 8-Cal Gigstad, June 10-Barb Mueller, June 12-Doug Barrett, June 13-Evan Brockhoff, June 14-Nancy Manche, June 15-Judy Cress, June 15-Jeannie Lowe, June 18-Joey Meyer, June 22-Nancy Flentie, June 22-Levi Manche, June 22-Chad Hinton, June 28-Grace Hampl, June 28-Marvin Kohlmeier*

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

*June 5-Travis & Aimee Hampl, June 5-Bill & Kim Priest, June 10-Nate & Emma Boyer, June 11-Brian & Becky Holle, June 11-Galen & Sharon Meyer, June 11-Debbie & Terry Reschke, June 17-Wyatt & Zana DeJong, June 22-Jr. & Jeannie Lowe, June 27-Kenny & Dawn Stephens*

**SERVERS FOR JUNE**

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**

**June 1st:** Galen & Sharon Meyer  
**June 8th:** Darryl & Helen Hoppe  
**June 15th:** Eldon & Rosalie Mellenbruch  
**June 22nd:** Mark & Becky Meyer  
**June 29th:** Doug & Sarah Kleopfer

**Altar Guild for June:** Helen Hoppe, Nancy Manche, Galen Meyer

**ZION LUTHERAN**

**June 1st:** **Elder**-Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**-Saige Stover, **Ushers**-Bob Freese & Larry Walter,  
**Greeters**-Gigstad Family, **Sound System**-Bob & Virginia Freese

**June 8th:** **Elder**-Travis Hampl, **Acolyte**-Brady Killman, **Ushers**-Tim Bianchi & Leon Wissmann,  
**Greeters**-Bob & Virginia Freese, **Sound System**-Leon Wissmann

**June 15th:** **Elder**-Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**-Grace Hampl, **Ushers**-David Middendorf & Kurt Killman,  
**Greeters**-Tim & Jackie Bianchi, **Sound System**-David Middendorf

**June 22nd:** **Elder**-Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**-Brady Killman, **Ushers**-Tim Bianchi & Leon Wissmann,  
**Greeters**-Dwight & Sue Meyer, **Sound System**-Dwight Meyer

**June 29th:** **Elder**-Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**-Remington Killman, **Ushers**-Tim Bianchi & Leon Wissmann,  
**Greeters**-Dave & Lela Middendorf, **Sound System**-Dwight Meyer

**Altar Guild for June:** Becky Holle & Virginia Freese





## 2025 St Paul VBS

Join us for a rootin' tootin' good time as we explore the wonder of Christ's birth, ministry, death, and resurrection! We will learn through crafts, snacks, games, lessons, and more.

Who: Ages 3-12

When: June 16-20 (9:00-11:30 am)

Where: St Paul Lutheran Church (110 Maple St., Fairview, KS)

**\*Please register by calling Becky Meyer at (785) 548-5812 OR scan the QR code below.**





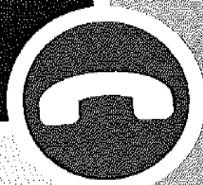
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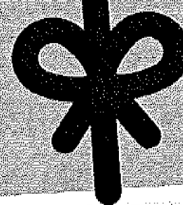
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Report gift card scams  
to the gift card company.



Ask for your money back.



Then tell the FTC at

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- help a servicemember needing money
- pay bail or ransom
- avoid arrest or deportation
- fix **any** problem, for any reason?

**If you answered yes, HANG UP. It's a scam.**

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**Ebay**

[ebay.com/giftcardscams](https://www.ebay.com/giftcardscams)

**Steam**

[help.steampowered.com](https://help.steampowered.com)

**Target**

(800) 544-2943

**Walmart**

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## American Heritage Girls

AHG Troop KS2315 had a wonderful Court of Awards Ceremony on May 1. There were approximately 200 badges awarded to our hard-working girls in 2025! Troop Shepherd Pastor Holle reviewed all the different ways God works His VISION for us in our lives. Refreshments and a special slide-show (prepared by PIPA Allison Jeschke) were enjoyed after the ceremony.

In case you were wondering, the American Heritage Girls Achievement Badge Program is divided into six "Frontiers." Some badges will be worked on together as a troop, but girls can also earn badges by working on them outside of troop time. Requiring girls to complete one badge from each Frontier enables each girl to have a well-rounded experience, enjoying badges that interest her and learning to grow in areas that are difficult for her.

The six frontiers include:

- Our Heritage
- Personal Well-Being
- Family Living
- The Arts
- Science & Technology
- Outdoor Skills

A big thank you to our volunteers who are stepping down: Teresa Edelman, Cathy Danforth, and Stuart & Amanda Aller. We are beyond grateful for the years you've invested in our troop's girls and you will be dearly missed!

The girls are already looking ahead to an eventful summer! Activities include:

May 25th PIPA campout



June 9-13th week Sabetha ballfield concession stand fundraiser



July sweet corn fundraiser!



July 15th Brown County Fair Parade




As always, the Troop is so grateful for the support of their Charter Organization! Please let a volunteer know if you'd like to hear more about the program!

### *Please Update!*

**If you have a new phone number, address, or email address,**  
*please make sure you send it to the office.*

*You can e-mail the office at  
office@NEKpartnership.org or call 785-742-3995.  
The office would also like the names and addresses  
of any members who are at college. Thank You!*

# JUNE, 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:15 Bible Study @Zion St. Paul Dorcas	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pastor Holle to Ks District convention	<b>5</b> Pastor Holle to Ks District convention	<b>6</b> Pastor Holle to Ks District convention	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> The Day of Pentecost 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 Zion LWML	<b>11</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pastor Holle Day Off	<b>14</b> Flag Day 
<b>15</b> The Holy Trinity Father's Day 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	<b>16</b> Articles Due for Newsletter VBS @St. Paul	<b>17</b> VBS @St. Paul 7:00pm Joint Elder meeting	<b>18</b> VBS @St. Paul 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	<b>19</b> VBS @St. Paul	<b>20</b> Pastor Holle Day Off VBS @St. Paul	<b>21</b> Summer Begins 
<b>22</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity 10:00 JOINT service @ Fairview Park w / lunch following	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	<b>26</b> LWML Convention	<b>27</b> Pastor Holle Day Off LWML Convention	<b>28</b> LWML Convention
<b>29</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity LWML Convention 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	<b>30</b>					