



ST. PAUL-ZION DUAL PARISH

JUNE 2026

A Few Thoughts from Pastor

[And Jesus said,] “I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock ... (*the truth of your confession that I am the Christ, the Son of the living God*) ... **I will build My Church**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Matthew 16:16 & 18

We have been blessed. God continues to shower us with His gifts ... first article gifts like favorable weather, jobs, health and all the wonders of medicine; relative peace and security and freedom in this country; and all that we need to support this body and life. And we live by Spirit created faith clinging to God’s goodness and mercy made most clearly known in the person and work of His Son. We’ve been fed with His Word, washed in our baptisms, absolved for Christ’s sake, and fed with Jesus’ own body and blood ... second and third article gifts by which He makes and keeps us His own.

One evening this past Lenten season, during a particularly busy, but productive, week, I found myself sitting in one of the sanctuaries with thoughts of all those types of things racing around in my head. There, in the quiet darkness, overflowing with thankfulness for all God does through these two congregations, I was pleased, and proud of you and of all that God was busy doing through you (and to you). And then it hit me once again just how quickly (and “naturally”) our human pride seeks to claim some measure of credit for all that God does.

And this reminded me of an article by Dietrich Bonhoeffer several generations ago. You see, when it comes to “building the Church,” we must never forget that it is God, working through His Word and the Sacraments, that builds, protects, and sustains the Church. He may well use us, and I pray that He always will, but it is His Church and only He can bring success no matter what we or others might be tempted to think or claim. Please consider these thoughts from Pastor Bonhoeffer:

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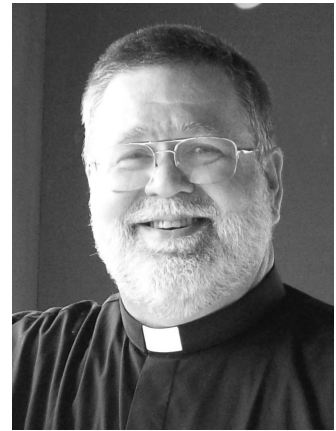
“It is not we who build. [Christ] builds the church. No man builds the church but Christ alone. Whoever is minded to build the church is surely well on the way to destroying it; for he will build a temple to idols without wishing or knowing it. We must confess - He builds. We must proclaim - He builds. We must pray to Him - that He may build.

“We do not know His plan. We cannot see whether His is building or pulling down. It may be that the times which by human standards are times of collapse are for Him the great times of construction. It may be that the times which from a human point of view are great times for the church are times when it is pulled down.

“It is a great comfort which Christ gives to His Church: you confess, preach, bear witness to Me and I alone will build where it pleases Me. Do not meddle in what is My province. Do what is given to you to do well and you have done enough. But do it well. Pay no heed to views and opinions. Don't ask for judgments. Don't always be calculating what will happen. Don't always be on the lookout for another refuge! Church, stay a church! But church, confess, confess, confess! Christ alone is your Lord; from His grace alone can you live as you are. Christ builds” (Life Together).

Yes, it is Christ who builds, grows, protects, and sustains His Church. I always find great comfort in this truth and in all the other promises of God. Only He knows for sure what the future holds, but I thank Him for the glorious place and the people He has given us here at St. Paul & Zion. May He continue to will and do His life-saving work in, through, and among us always!

Pastor Holle



GRADUATE

Congratulations to Logan Blaske.

He is graduating from the Air National Guard basic training in June.

May God be with you as you enter a new chapter in your life.

Stewardship



What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

ALL ARE INVITED

**Orphan
Grain
Train** 

All members of St. Paul and Zion congregations, including children, are invited to join the St. Paul Dorcas Group on a journey to the Lincoln Nebraska Orphan Grain Train facility. The group is scheduled to help from 1:00-3:30pm on Thursday, June 18th. They will need to know in advance how many will be coming.

The coordinator said there is something for everyone to help with at the facility. If you feel you cannot stand for very long, they have projects that you can sit while doing.

More information will be coming the weeks ahead. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Manche at 785-547-6202.



JOINT SERVICE

in the Fairview Park

June 21st at 10:00am

followed by a Potluck Dinner

Please bring a dish for the potluck and a lawn chair.

Drinks and table service will be provided.

Please plan to come!



ZION LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY LEAGUE

WOMEN OF GRACE

Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha, Kansas 66434

April 26, 2026

The regular meeting of Women of Grace was called to order on April 26, 2026 by Lela Middendorf with 4 members and 1 guest present. Anne read the minutes of the March meeting which were approved as read. Diane gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1,901.07 General fund and \$1,126.88 in the CEF fund.

Lela mentioned that confirmation will be May 3, and that we have ordered 2 corsages and 2 Lutheran Book of Prayer for the confirmands.

Discussion followed on what to give away in our service-oriented booth at the Maple Leaf Festival in September. We need to begin to get plants started and think about crafted items with Bible verses on them to be given away. We will schedule work sessions to begin on crafts.

Our next meeting will be on May 31 in conjunction with Friendship Sunday. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Anne Arnesen
Secretary

ZION LWML NEWS:

We are rebranding the local name of our ladies' group to "Women of Grace". We will CONTINUE our affiliation with the Zone, District and National LWML organizations as well as focusing on our missions and service projects locally and abroad.. Every woman of the congregation is encouraged to join us in our efforts, as we CONTINUE to meet on Friendship Sunday each month. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Diane, Anne or Lela.

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



Please Update!

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

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Military: Spencer Ernst, Alexander Williams

College: Joey Meyer, Megan Brockhoff, Paige Stover, Gunner Smith, Marcus Hinton, Remington Killman.

Care Facilities & Shut-Ins: Carol Bauer, Gene Rice, Doris Rice, Juanita Fritz.

Also in our prayers: Charlotte Kruse, Ray Thieme, Joann Davidson, Stewart Steen, Carol Rand, Julie Selland, David Davidson, Doug Barrett, Rachel Spann, Malcolm Gigstad, Jill Kohlmeier, Katie Fry, Wes Duesing, Aimee Hampl, Carl Mueller.

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



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-Judith Cress, June 15-Jeanne Lowe, June 17-Paul Middendorf, June 18-Joey Meyer, June 22-Nancy Flentie, June 22-Levi Manche, June 22-Chad Hinton, June 26-Zeke DeJong, June 28-Marvin Kohlmeier, June 28-Grace Hampl,

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

SERVERS FOR JUNE

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

June 7th: Jeff & Leslie Brockhoff

June 14th: Steve & Nancy Manche

June 21st: **JOINT SERVICE @Fairview Park** - Galen & Sharon Meyer

June 28th: Daryl & Helen Hoppe

Altar Guild for June: Helen Hoppe, Susan Broxterman, Galen Meyer

ZION LUTHERAN

June 7th: **Elder**-Bob Freese, **Acolyte**-Cal Gigstad, **Ushers**-Bob Freese & Mike Brockhoff,

Greeters-Sue & Dwight Meyer, **Sound System**-David Middendorf

June 14th: **Elder**-Travis Hampl, **Acolyte**-Grace Hampl, **Usher**-Leon Wissmann,

Greeters-David & Lela Middendorf, **Sound System**-Dwight Meyer

June 21st: **JOINT SERVICE @Fairview Park**

June 28th: **Elder**-Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**-Cal Gigstad, **Ushers**-David Middendorf & Kurt Killman,

Greeters-Gigstad family, **Sound System**-Leon Wissmann

Altar Guild for June: Lela Middendorf & Diane Davis

St. Paul Dorcas

Our Dorcas group met May 3, 2026 following the Worship Service. Becky Holle led the Bible Study “Seeing is Believing”, the second section of Lesson 4 on James from *Unshakable* by Donna Snow. We looked up who Jesus appeared to between his resurrection and ascension. James was one of them. Jesus knew the content of James’ heart. God had a great purpose in the life of James.

President Sarah Kleopfer called the meeting to order. There were 12 members present. Secretary Becky Meyer read the minutes of the April meeting which were approved as read. There was no correspondence. Treasure Kathy Heiniger gave the treasurer’s report. There was no officers report.

Unfinished business: Sharon Meyer shared pictures of the gift ideas she had for Laurie and Zon for their wedding gift. There was a motion to purchase one, it was seconded and the motion passed. Rosalie Mellenbruch will be setting up a table for awareness of Lutherans for Life in honor of Mother’s Day—there will be a box for collection and the proceeds will go to Lutherans for Life. The date of May 10th was set for the graduates reception. Kathy Carpenter, Linda Duesing, Leslie Brockhoff, and Kathy Heiniger will provide coffee cakes. A VBS snack sign up sheet was passed around. VBS will be June 8th-12th from 9:00 to 11:30. Our June Dorcas meeting will be at the Apostolic Home. Our ladies will be going to Lincoln, NE on Thursday, June 18th for a tour of the Orphan Grain Train facility. We are scheduled to help out from 1:00-3:30.

New Business: There were reports on the District Convention in Manhattan.

The regular offering was collected.

We closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Announcements: The next Dorcas meeting will be at the Apostolic Home in Sabetha on Tuesday, June 9th at 2:00pm. Sadie Meyer is the Bible Study Leader and Sharon Meyer is the hostess.

Refreshments were served by Linda Duesing of chocolate 4 layer dessert and butterscotch 4 layer dessert.

Secretary,

Becky Meyer



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.

THE ARMOR OF GOD



Welcome, knights and princesses!
By royal decree, you are invited to...

VBS at St. Paul Lutheran Church



When: June 8-12th from 9:00-11:30am

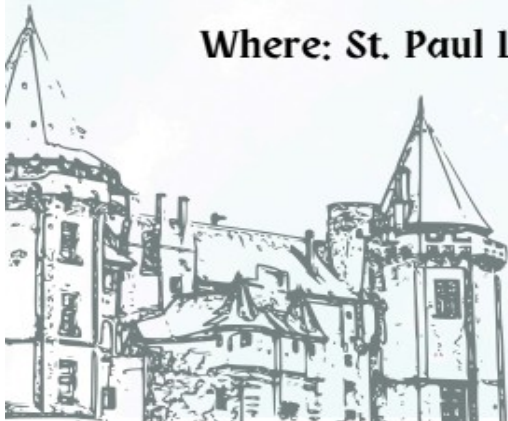
For: Ages 3-12

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

Please register by calling

Evan Brockhoff (785-741-3115)

Or use the QR Code!



JUNE, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1st Sunday after Trinity 9:15 Bible Study @Zion 9:30 St. Paul Dorcas	8 9:00—11:30 VBS @St. Paul	9 9:00-11:30 VBS @St. Paul	10 9:00-11:30 VBS @St. Paul 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	11 9:00-11:30 VBS @St. Paul	12 <i>Pastor Holle day off</i> 9:00-11:30 VBS @St. Paul	13
2nd Sunday after Trinity 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	15 Articles Due For Newsletter	16	17 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	18 Orphan Grain Train Trip to Nebraska	19 <i>Pastor Holle day off</i> Juneteenth	20
3rd Sunday after Trinity 10:00 JOINT Service in the Park followed by Pot-luck Dinner	22	23	24 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	25	26 <i>Pastor Holle day off</i>	27
4th Sunday after Trinity 9:15 Zion - Women of Grace Zion Fellowship St. Paul Fellowship	29	30				

