



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

## **JUNE 2024**

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

*"Let us consider how to stir one another up to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

*Hebrews 10:25*

Time remains one of the most precious commodities in the world today. Even with “technology” and all the time and labor-saving conveniences that have been developed, it’s difficult (sometimes almost impossible) to do all the things we want (& need) to do. Time for a spouse, our family and friends, for exercise, reading and learning, and most importantly, for God, always seems to be in short supply. Our lives are so “busy” that we sometimes skip some pretty important things, and often because we’re doing things we **want** to do rather than the things we **should** do.

Our Heavenly Father knew what He was doing when He directed His Old Testament people to take a day off from their labors to rest and to focus and reflect on His revealed Word. When God tells us to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, He’s showing more than just concern for our physical well-being, He’s showing His great concern for our spiritual well-being as well, and so He directs us back to His Word (and to worship) which is the means by which He creates, strengthens, and preserves life-saving faith in our hearts. Nothing - no day, no body, no time - can be made holy or sanctified without the Word of God, and natural/sinful man has little use or regard for God’s most holy Word.

So God calls us to gather, as Church, as His chosen people, to sanctify (set apart for Him) a day of “rest” for teaching, preaching, hearing, and learning the Word of God. Ideally, we would each sanctify every day in prayer and by reading and meditating on His Word, but often it’s all we can do to set aside even part of a Sunday morning for worship and study. We come up with all kinds of reasons and rationalizations, but in the end, they’re all just poor excuses for why we choose our own ways and wants rather than God’s way and what He knows will be most beneficial for us.

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From time to time I like to share this list I once came across of the “*10 Reasons I Don’t Wash My Hands Anymore,*” a tongue-in-cheek look at excuses given for not going to church or Sunday school. What do you think ... ever been guilty of thinking any of these?

- 1) I was forced to wash as a child, so I’m not going to wash now.
- 2) People who wash are hypocrites ... they think they are cleaner than other people.
- 3) There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one is right.
- 4) I used to wash, but it got boring, so I stopped.
- 5) I still wash on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter.
- 6) None of my friends wash.
- 7) I’m still young; when I get older and dirtier, I might start washing.
- 8) I really don’t have the time.
- 9) The bathroom is too hot or too cold.
- 10) The people who make soap are only after your money.

Look, we’ve **all** fallen short of God’s good and gracious will for us in regard to personal devotions and church and Sunday school / Bible class attendance. And I bet we’ve all just “gone into the bathroom and wet the soap” (attended without paying attention and actively participating in the worship/study) to appease our parents or consciences. So thank the Lord that we have a heavenly Father who is patient and forgiving, and who continues to invite us to meet Him in His Word for worship, study, and prayer. He forgives past mistakes, but He really does want us to stay connected to Him via His Word and Sacraments, so dust off those Bibles, fold those hands and start talking to God every day, and I’ll see you in church on Sunday ... every Sunday!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Holle*

**NOTICE**

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



**Ladies Bible Study**  
**Tuesday nights at 6:30pm**  
**at Zion Lutheran.**  
**Please join us!**

## 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.



## ST. PAUL DORCAS

Our meeting May 5, 2024 was opened with Cindy Manche, serving coffee cake or apple danish, orange juice, or milk and coffee. We enjoyed these while Sadie Meyer shared our next Bible Study on taking Joseph from slave to prisoner. Our lesson opened in Genesis 39: 1-20. The scripture reminded us we are not alone, the Lord is with us in every moment. Through God, Joseph did well. Joseph portrayed traits of The Fruit of The Spirit, and gave all the glory to God. Joseph passed his first test in succeeding at Potiphar's house, then a great temptation came from Potiphar's wife. He firmly refused her temptations time and again. He was loyal to Potiphar, although more importantly he did not want to sin against God. With Potiphar holding such important positions he would have had to do something, however, Joseph had his confidence and trust so he was sympathetic to Joseph, and moved him into the kings prison to keep him alive and working. Next month our story will continue to unfold, showing God's great plan for Joseph.

President Sarah Kleopfer opened the business meeting with roll call taken by Becky Meyer, with 12 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected regarding the wording of Rally to Event. Kathy Heiniger gave the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted.

There was no correspondence. There were no Committee Reports.

Under Unfinished Business, Cindy Manche said thank you to everyone who helped in any way for the state convention.

Kathy Heiniger briefly reported on her experience at convention, including a tour of the Orphan Grain Train Warehouse.

Under New Business we decided to sign a card for the college graduates, Sage Meyer and Paul Pearson. VBS will be June 17 - 21, 9:00 - 11:30; more information will follow in our June meeting.

Offering was collected.

Announcements: next months meeting is June 2; Bible Study Leader will be Sadie Meyer, and hostess is Sharon Meyer; altar committee for June is Helen Hoppe and Nancy Manche.

The meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Becky Meyer



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*You can e-mail the office at [office@NEKpartnership.org](mailto: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!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Military:** Spencer Ernst, Bert Ernst, Alexander Williams

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

**Care Facilities & Shut-Ins:** Betty Allen, Carol Bauer, Gene Rice, Darlene Covert, Don Robidoux, Lois Voss, Tom Hansen, Bonnie Reynolds, Esther Krug.

**Also in our prayers:** Dale Strobel, Charlotte Kruse, Wes Duesing, Richard Clay, Aimee Hampl, Carl Mueller, Sherry Hartley, Janice Grubb.

**We Remember** the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord (Jaynell Robidoux, Charles Fritz, Robert Jones) and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

***Jun 1-Emma Boyer, Jun 5-Traci Stover, Jun 8-Cal Gigstad, Jun 10-Barb Mueller, Jun 12-Doug Barrett, Jun 13-Evan Brockhoff, Jun 13-Ron Smith, Jun 14-Nancy Manche, Jun 15-Judy Cress, Jun 15-Jeannie Lowe, Jun 17-Harlan Kneisel, Jun 18-Joey Meyer, Jun 22-Chad Hinton, Jun 22-Levi Manche, Jun 28-Grace Hampl***

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**SERVERS FOR JUNE**

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

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**

**Jun 2nd:** Galen & Sharon Meyer

**Jun 9th:** Darryl & Helen Hoppe

**Jun 16th:** Eldon & Rosalie Mellenbruch

**Jun 23rd:** Mark & Becky Meyer

**Jun 30th:** **Joint Service** at Fairview Park, with potluck following

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

**ZION LUTHERAN**

**Jun 2nd:** **Elder**-Kurt Killman, **Acolyte**-Corey Dunaway, **Ushers**-Bob Freese & Larry Walter, **Greeters**-Killman family, **Sound System**-Dwight Meyer

**Jun 9th:** **Elder**-Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**-Saige Stover, **Ushers**-David Middendorf & Kurt Killman, **Greeters**-Bob & Virginia Freese, **Sound System**-Bob & Virginia Freese

**Jun 16th:** **Elder**-Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**-Remington Killman, **Ushers**-Leon Wissmann & Tim Bianchi, **Greeters**-Larry & Carol Walter, **Sound System**-Leon Wissmann

**Jun 23rd:** **Elder**-Kurt Killman, **Acolyte**-Brady Killman, **Ushers**-Bob Freese & Larry Walter, **Greeters**-Tim & Jackie Bianchi, **Sound System**-David Middendorf

**Jun 30th:** **Joint Service** at Fairview Park, with potluck following.

**Altar Guild for June:** Virginia Freese, Donna Gormley

# THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS: BATTLE FOR THE BIBLE AND THE WALKOUT

June 22, 2024  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Netawaka Kansas

Speaker:  
**DR. GERHARD BODE**

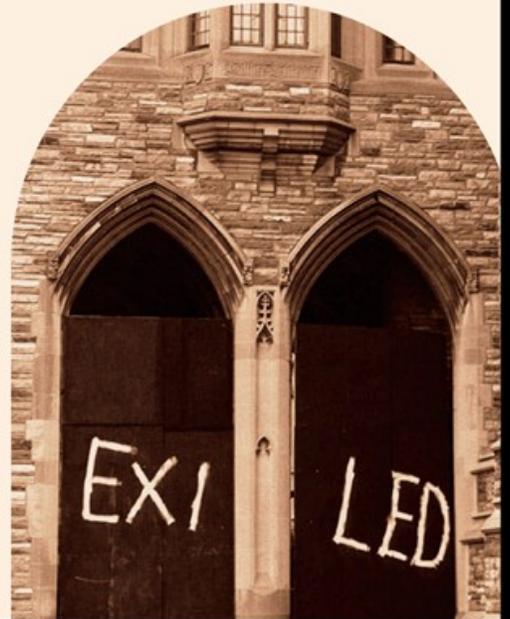


## Tentative Schedule:

- 8:30 am - Matins
- 9:00 AM - Coffee & Donuts & Circuit Forum
- 9:15 am - Session 1
- 10:45 am - Session 2
- 12:15 pm - Lunch
- 1:00 Pm - Session 4
- 2:15 PM - Session 5
- 3:45 pm - Vespers
- 4:30-8:00 pm - Gemutlichkeit & Supper

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## ZION LWML

The regular meeting of the Zion Lutheran Church LWML was called to order by Lela Middendorf on May 14, 2024, with 6 members present. The meeting was opened with a devotion by Alli Bauck entitled "Everything".

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

Thank you notes were received from Traci Rahe for our support of her mission trip and from Megan Brockhoff for the snacks she received for finals week at college.

We are participating in Baby Bottle fundraiser for Kansans for Life which will run from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

We discussed that Jaynell Robidoux's funeral will be on May 24 at Zion. We will ask some of the St Paul ladies to assist help since several of Zion's ladies will be gone that weekend.

Lela reported on the recent Kansas District LWML Convention and distributed the post-convention issue of the Sonshine listing the Mission Grants and God's Gracious Gift Fund Grants selected.

Further discussion was had on utilizing the Atland memorial money on items for the church kitchen. Diane moved that we purchase 2 smaller crock pots, a can opener and other items as needed. Jackie seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on possibly changing our monthly meeting time. Becky moved that we eliminate meetings in the months of June, July and August. Sharon seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be September 10, 2024.

Anne Arnesen, Secretary

*Worship in the Park!*



***JOINT SERVICE***

***JUNE 30, 2024***

***FAIRVIEW CITY PARK***

***10:30AM***

***POTLUCK TO FOLLOW THE SERVICE  
AT THE PARK***



## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS



What a joyful evening! Congratulations to all of our girls this year and thanks to our faithful volunteers who make it all possible!

Group picture attached, we sure missed the 10 not pictured for various reasons.

Just like we heard the girls highlights, let us hear from you as we plan for next year, your input is valued! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XRQHCV>

Thank you for the generous gift and kind words, it is so humbling to be serving all our families in this TC role!

Welcome back night is August 29th, have a fabulous summer!

Solo deo Gloria,  
Joan Stoller,  
Troop Coordinator,  
AHG KS2315



# JUNE, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity 9:15 Bible Study @Zion St. Paul Dorcas	<b>3</b> 7:00 St. Paul Elder mtg.	<b>4</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>5</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study @St. Paul	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pastor Holle Day Off	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Zion Elder mtg. 7:30 Zion LWML	<b>12</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study @Zion	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Flag Day Pastor Holle Day Off 	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity Father's Day 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	<b>17</b> Articles Due for Newsletter VBS @St. Paul	<b>18</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study VBS @St. Paul	<b>19</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study @St. Paul VBS @St. Paul	<b>20</b> Summer Begins  VBS @St. Paul	<b>21</b> Pastor Holle Day Off VBS @St. Paul	<b>22</b> Circuit Convocation @ Netawaka
<b>23</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>26</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study @Zion	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pastor Holle Day Off	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 10:30 Joint Service in The park followed by Potluck						