



ST. PAUL NEWS

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From Pastor Erika

Everyone talks about the weather; no one does a thing about it! This is line came from a very humorous song I sang in middle school choir & I think I still remember it because it was catchy and is absolutely the truth especially today. Our weather has been hot one week and cold another. There has been tornadoes, hail, wind and flooding throughout the United States. Even the Bible has a lot of weather references; there are Scriptures that use weather to describe the coming of Jesus, Luke 21:25 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.' Many scriptures about God's sovereignty over the weather, Psalm 147:8 'He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.' And Jesus tells us to not be afraid, Mark 4:39-40 'He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' So what do we do about the weather? If we look to farmers, we will see their faith in God in to take care of their land and crops and livelihood. What do we do about the weather? I think we could ask that question about anything that we feel is not in our control. We pray, we praise, we worship, we trust, we have faith that God is there in the midst of the flooding and tornadoes with peace and presence. We are all in this life together and are part of the one body of Christ and we may not actually be able to do anything about the weather but what happens afterwards we have control over, helping our neighbors in need by helping clean their flooded home, bring a meal, donate to Lutheran Disaster Response. Why worry about that which we can't control when there is much we can? I will leave you with one final verse from Philippians 4:6-7 'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Erika

Parsonage Deck Project



A new deck has been built at the Parsonage, as well as matching steps and railing to the back door. A special THANK YOU to Kevin Brainard for all of his time and labor to take down the old deck and build the new one.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NURSERY ROOM GRADUATES!



During Worship on Sunday, May 4th, nine students graduated from the Sunday School Nursery Room. Worship was followed by special Fellowship and the last day of Sunday School for the 2024-25 school year.

*Graduates, Back row: Harlow Martins, Tyson Wagner, Hudson Radloff, Trayven Kraus, and Oscar Torkelson
Front row: Blair Radloff, Maysen Doeppke, Maryn Martins and Theodore Tayek*

Sunday School Mission Project

This year the Sunday School Mission project was to collect money for the ELCA God's Global Barnyard. The money raised for this mission is used to help families in areas of need by purchasing farm animals that they can raise and sell for food and financial stability. The nursery department through grade 4 had barn/piggybanks to fill with loose change and grades 5 through 8 participated in a Coin War in February to raise money for this project. Our grand total was \$1370.00! The Sunday School students voted and will be using the donations to purchase a cow, a fish farm, a herd of goats, 2 piglets, 1 set of chicks, and a share of a Safe Water Project. Your generous donations will be able to help many families and communities in need around the world! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Heidi Meyer – Sunday School Superintendent

Visit <https://goodgifts.elca.org/gods-global-barnyard> for more information on the ELCA God's Global Barnyard.



THANK YOU

**To our Sunday School Department
for a Great Year!**

To all our Teachers:
Jonna Schutte, Danielle Friedlein,
Hannah Friedlein, Abby Burns,
Avery Lamborn, Jill Lamborn, Diane Fisk,
Denise Schutte and Rein Kregel

Music: Judy Walter

To our Superintendent:
Heidi Meyer



JUNE

Mission Action:

Toothbrush, adult size in package

Bible Study:

Relationships That Form Us: All in the Family

This study will examine the relationships between Jacob & Esau and Mary & Martha, and how they relate to our own family relationships.



JUNE CALENDAR

June 4th

9:15 am Bible Study

June 14th

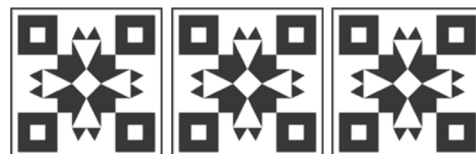
M & M Sharing Party
Zion Lutheran Church
Oelwein, IA.

8:00 am - 2:30 pm

\$30 Registration Fee

July 16th

10:30 am Bible Study - Pr. Erika
WELCA Salad Luncheon
Everyone Welcome



*All are Welcome to come to
any Bible Study*

Studies are held the 1st
Wednesday of the month
at 9:15 a.m.
in the church library.

MONTHLY MISSION ACTION PROGRAM

The Monthly Mission Action Emphasis is a program St. Paul WELCA has been active with. Each month a different item is specified and that is the item we collect that month. All items will be used in our Lutheran World Relief kits or given to Shepherd of the Hills.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate!

*Place your gifts in the basket on the table in the entryway by the church office.

Watch the St. Paul News each month for the item.

June Item:

Toothbrush

Adult size in package



Scholarships For EWALU

WELCA will donate \$30 to any St. Paul Sunday School student who would like to attend Summer Camp @ EWALU. If interested, contact the church office.

WELCA QUILTS & KITS

The many Quilts and Kits are on their way to Lutheran World Relief.

A lot of work went into sewing these quilts and kits!

Totals are: 86 Quilts,
and 13 Baby Care Kits.

Thanks to Jim & Linette Langhus who loaded and took the packed boxes to Decorah on May 3rd to meet the LWR Semi, and to all who donated fabric for quilts & supplies for kits.

FABRIC DONATIONS NEEDED

Are you downsizing or cleaning out a house?

Doing Days Ladies can use:

- leftover material from projects or Unfinished Projects
- Bed Sheets FLAT & FITTED ; SIZE: TWIN—KING (can be used for backs or inside of quilts)

Items can be left @ St. Paul by the folding door in back of Fellowship Hall

Our monthly Mission Action Items go to making Personal, Sewing, School and Baby Care Kits

Arleta Henkes 539-4439 for questions

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Council Meeting May 14, 2024

(The May Minutes are printed but pending approval at the June 11th Council Meeting)

Present: Crystal Thurn, Pastor Erika Lenth, Danielle Friedlein, Lois Garms, Steve Johnson, Justin Birdnow, Ashley Blietz-Camp, Kevin Brainard, Beth Foels, Rein Kregel, and Craig Watson. **Absent:** Tiffany Torkelson, Andy Meyer, and Barbara Horns

Meeting called to order by council President, Crystal Thurn, at 6:01 pm.
Devotions were led by Pastor Erika. Next month is Kevin Brainard.

Minutes of Council Meeting: Minutes from the April 7th council meeting were reviewed and one spelling correction was noted. Kevin Brainard motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. Steve Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Bills: Danielle shared that we brought in \$2,064.77 more than spent in April. Memorials received totaled \$2,668.80 with \$515.00 being In Loving Memory memorials. Expenses from Memorial accounts included \$600 towards the principal of the solar loan and \$655.12 for stained glass window repairs. Special offering received through May 11th for SOTH has brought in \$4,175.00 and we will continue to collect through May. Summer office hours will be Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm and the office will be closed on Fridays. Steve Johnson motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Ashley Blietz-Camp seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Letters were received from Pastor Margaret and Heather Hageman from SOTH both concerning ConFest, thanking us for a fun and very well put together event and great meal. Danielle also received a phone call from Mrs. Schellhorn's high school Leadership class, asking for permission to clean headstones at the cemetery.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported mileage of 156 totaling \$109.20 for April through the first week in May. Justin Birdnow motioned to approve Pastor's mileage. Kevin Brainard seconded. Motion carried. Pastor shared that her visits to Garden View continue to go well and she visited Stan Klotbach at Northgate in Waukon. She presented awards & scholarships for the Senior Awards Night last week and attended Day of Renewal at EWALU with other area pastors. ConFest went well and was attended by 16 youth and 11 adults. A meal was served and everyone enjoyed the games, especially the escape rooms. Baccalaureate is tonight.

Education & Youth: No report

Fellowship & Evangelism: No report

Mission & Social Ministry: Held Progressive supper on May 4th and everyone had a great time! Next meeting is June 1st after church.

Property & Grounds: Kevin has completed the parsonage deck and shared pictures.

Stewardship & Finance: No report

Worship & Music: Met May 13th. Summer worship dates will be June 22nd, July 6th, August 3rd, and September 7th. Pastor will be gone August 3rd so it will be a lay service and we will start using the blue binder for music. We have 4 upcoming baptisms. Crystal has gotten a quote from AEL for a chair lift for the balcony.

Interchurch Council: Baccalaureate is being held at Giard Methodist tonight. Next meeting is set for June 30th.

Council Minutes, continued . . .

Old Business: Signage for Monona display at Gateway park: Signs are finished and will be displayed soon. Discussion was also held on updating our other signs at town entrance. Parsonage door: Is in and should be installed in the next two weeks. Custodial position: One application has been received. Steve Johnson motioned to offer the custodial position to the applicant on the basis the applicant accepts the position. Justin Birdnow seconded. Motion carried. Wage and hours were then discussed and Lois Garms motioned the position to pay \$12.50 an hour for 10-15 hours a week. Justin Birdnow seconded. Motion carried. Smart TVs for SS Department & Library: Have been paid for and will be reflected in May financial report. Electrical Inspection: Wade Kregel completed inspection citing a few updates are needed. Estimate for updates is \$1,006.20 which includes the church and parsonage and can be completed in the coming weeks. Kevin Brainard motioned to have Wade make the necessary repairs. Craig Watson seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: Parking Lot Resurfacing: We have received two quotes for this project from Kluesner and Strub Blacktopping. To make both estimates equally comparable, Kluesner will resubmit the bid to match the specifications given by Strub. Chair Lift to Balcony: The estimates Crystal received from AEL include two different weight capacities, 300lbs and 400lbs. The first quote was \$4995 and the other was \$6250. Discussion was held and the council asked for a few specific questions to be answered before moving forward. Crystal will email those questions and pass along information to the council.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, June 11th at 6:00 pm

Ashley Blietz-Camp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Kevin Brainard seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Blietz-Camp

Addendum: On May 21st an email was sent to the St. Paul Council with AEL's responses to questions regarding the installation of a chair lift up to the church balcony. Via email communication, Craig Watson motioned to approve the bid by AEL to install the chair lift for choir balcony access using the following funds: \$1,000.00 from the Bell Choir Memorial Fund, \$2,000.00 from the Choir/Music Memorial Fund and the remainder of the balance to come from Committee Choice. Seconded by Ashley Blietz-Camp. Motion Carried via email vote.

Respectfully submitted, by Danielle Friedlein, Parish Admin.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 ST. PAUL GRADUATES!



Graduate

Addison Buchheit
Ashlyn Henkes

Benjamin Krambeer
Avery Lamborn
Aiden Schoulte

Carter Stoddard

Isabella Torkelson
Austin Trappe

Parents

Scott & Mindy Buchheit
Dustin & Michele Henkes
Esley Henkes
Jared & Lindsay Krambeer
Mark & Jill Lamborn
Jessica & Connor Soenksen
Brian Schoulte
Heidi Mohs
Jason Stoddard
Travis & Jenny Torkelson
Cory & Susan Trappe

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2025



Thank you to all who donated towards our furnace/central air. We have raised enough funds to pay the whole bill! We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people who support us!

Our Back to School event will be held on August 6th from 9am-5pm for qualified families.

Collection drop-off for this event will start July 1st through August 4th. Donations can be brought to the Shepherd of the Hills office. Monetary donations can be sent to:

SOTH; PO Box 36; St. Olaf, Iowa 52072

Clothing Center Updates:

Remember that we would love to take all of your donations but there are some items that is impossible to keep. Really worn clothing, stained, holes, non-working zippers/snaps and rusty utensils will not be kept. Appointments are still required so I can staff accordingly. Thank you for thinking of us when it comes to donations. These items are greatly needed in our area and bringing it here, they generally stay in the area.

We are in need of bedding sheets (all sizes), bath towels, pots and pans, baking dishes and children's clothing. Thank you all for your continued support and great donations!!

I have been very blessed with volunteers that are helping me with the clothing center. The clothing store is cleaned and organized for your shopping experiences.

As always, most items are only \$1.00

Shepherd Conference News:

Synod Assembly is June 6-7, 2025

Everyone is invited to the 7 p.m. worship service on Friday at Fredsville Lutheran, located seven miles west of Cedar Falls at 32756 150th St. Pastor Lee Gable will preach, and a reception with refreshments will follow. Registration is not required to attend.

June 7th check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Bien VenU Event Center at 7400 Hudson Rd., Cedar Falls. Opening worship is at 8:30 a.m. The day will include three plenary sessions, ministry exhibits, lunch and closing worship with Bishop Kevin Jones preaching. The assembly will conclude by 5 p.m.

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and Lawn/Snow Care.

The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families with emergency rent or utilities and our sponsored events throughout the year

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE**

on your check to specify

Crisis or Operating Fund!

Please indicate what church you are from as well to provide better bookkeeping.

IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES:

***NE Iowa Synod Assembly
June 6-7, 2025***

***Back to School Event
August 6th from 9am-5pm
(Referral required to participate)***

****Any event may be subject to change***

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9am-12pm and 1pm-4 pm**

JUNE BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES



2	Oliver Torkelson	18	Rayanne Marmann	23	Theodore Tayek
8	Jenna Wolff	19	Lacey Wachter	26	Harper Berns
9	Caysen Schoulte	20	Payton Schultz		Landry Rodas
	Knox Martins		Evelyn Birdnow	30	Maelyn Rosenbaum
16	Camden Lamborn	21	Quentin Torkelson		Oakland Sauer

JUNE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES:

June 15	David & Delpha Trappe
June 16	Wayne & Lois Garms
June 22	Kenny & Linda Staff
June 23	Rich & Teresa Sass
June 29	Larry & Diane Geisler

JUNE GOLDEN BIRTHDAYS

June 10	Pat Niel
June 19	Ralph Bacon
June 24	Celia Brown

NO OFFICIAL ACTS IN MAY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Avery Lamborn
Recipient of the
St. Paul Endowment
Scholarship.



SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Bring a lawn chair and join us for
Worship Service on the
church lawn.

June 22nd
July 6th
August 3rd
September 7th

ST PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH DATA

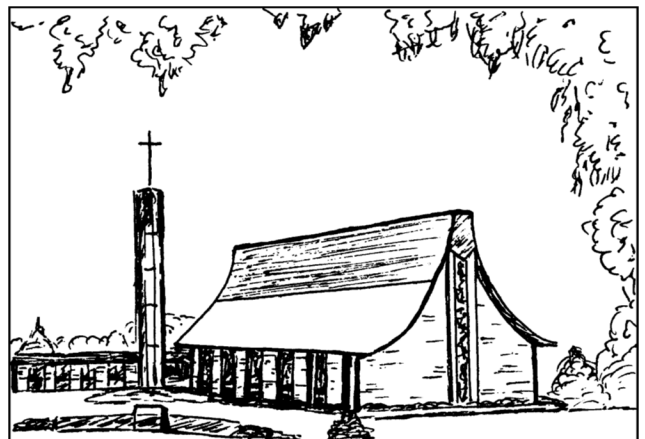
Total 420

Total Family Units 174

Average Sunday Attendance for 2023
94 (In Person) 45 (Virtual)

Average Sunday Attendance for 2024
105 (In Person) 40 (Virtual)

Average Attendance for 2025 through May 18th
110 (In Person) 51 (Virtual)



April Financials



***Giving	Cash/Check
April 6	\$3,630.45
April 13	\$3,133.65
April 20	\$7,394.25
April 27	\$4,717.47
ILM Memorials	\$515.00
**Total Simply Giving for April	\$3,694.00

*** The chart above shows weekly income from the offering plate, money that has been sent in, Simply Giving, as well as fundraisers (Coffee Hour, Fall Dinner, etc.) which include: Current Fund Offering and Designated Funds (Mission Offering and Memorial Funds, such as the Boiler and Solar Funds).

** Simply Giving Donations are reported once a month due to posting issues at the beginning/end of month.

* The receipts below reflect money that is available for the operating budget AFTER deducting designated giving.

General Fund	April Actual	April Budget	April YTD Actual	April YTD Budget
*Receipts	\$17,534.49		\$74,057.01	
Disbursements	\$15,469.72	\$18,171.87	\$63,955.39	\$72,687.48

Can't make it to church in person?

Find our services on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulmononaia>

Also, check out our Facebook Page to find out what's going on at St. Paul!

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulmononaia/>

Items to be included in the July St. Paul News need to be turned into the office by June 20th.

St. Paul Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday

Office Closed, but Pastor Erika available by appointment

Outside of Office Hours, please feel free to leave a voicemail at the church phone number (539-2230) or leave a note in Danielle's mailbox located next to the library door.

*Would you like to receive the St. Paul News via email?
Please let us know by emailing the church office.*

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship/ Eucharist <i>Kwilinski Baptism</i> 10:00 Mission & Social Mtg SS Teacher Meeting 11:00 Hertrampf Baptism	2	3	4 9:15 WELCA Bible Study 10:00 Staff Meeting	5	6	7 Synod Assembly Cedar Falls
8 Pentacost 8:20 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship/ Eucharist	9	10	11 6:00 Council	12	13	14 Monona Hay Days
15 Father's Day 9:00 Worship/ Eucharist	16	17	18	19 Office Closed	20	21
22 Outdoor Worship 9:00 Worship/ Eucharist <i>*Outdoor, weather permitting</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Noisy Can 9:00 Worship/Eucharist	30 7:00 pm Inter-Church Council					

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COUNCIL

June 1 Sunday 9:00 am	Andy Meyer Steve Johnson
June 8 Sunday 9:00 am	Crystal Thurn Kevin Brainard
June 15 Sunday 9:00 am	Justin Birdnow Beth Foels
June 22 (<i>Outdoor</i>) Sunday 9:00 am	Lois Garms Craig Watson
June 29 Sunday 9:00 am	Ashley Blietz-Camp Crystal Thurn Lois Garms

USHERS

June 1	Jim & Linette Langhus
June 8	Heidi & Andy Meyer
June 15	Nathan & Aaron Friedlein
June 22	Outdoor Worship
June 29	Lorna Jones Mary Ann Koehn

JUNE SCHEDULES

Come & Worship

ACOLYTES

June 1:	Kashton Decker Clayton Henkes Evelyn Birdnow
June 8:	Brodyn Blietz Grace Palas Gage Paulus
June 15:	Avery Lamborn Austin Trappe Veda Torkelson
June 22: <i>Outdoor</i>	Addison Buchheit Kyler Nuehring Blake Schutte
June 29:	Addison Buchheit Jaxon Lamborn Blake Schutte

FLOWER ASSISTANTS

June 1	Lois Garms
June 8	Pam Malanaphy
June 15	Lorna Jones
June 22	Beth Henkes (<i>Outdoor</i>)
June 29	Teresa Sass

ALTAR GUILD

June 1	Barb Kalkwarf
June 8	Mary Ann Koehn
June 15	Linette Langhus
June 22	Heidi Meyer
June 29	Teresa Sass *check robes

LECTORS

June 1	Randee Koenig
June 8	Diane Fisk
June 15	Mary Ann Koehn
June 22	Justin Birdnow
June 29	Heidi Meyer