



St. Paul
Lutheran Church

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Worship Sundays at 10am

Sunday School at 11:15am (Sept-May)



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I got to thinking this morning as I was getting ready for the day. Well, first contemplating what I was going to wear, what is the weather for today, do I need long or short sleeves? Is it a day for a dress or pants, or maybe a skirt? Is it a day for hair or no hair, oooo maybe a hat! These are the crazy things that take up too much of my time each morning. Now before you start asking yourself if our pastor has finally gone over the deep end, why is she on this tangent, do we need to call the bishop? My crazy chain of thoughts got me contemplating the beautiful gift of summer. Whew, ok, at least this chain of thought has some sense of getting somewhere! Come with me on this journey of thought and gratitude.

I found myself giving thanks to God for the change of the season to sunshine and warmth and my bones hurting a little less.

I found myself praying in gratitude for the beautiful gift of all of the flowers blooming and the amazing splash of color adorning so many yards.

I found myself giving thanks for families that can gather at ball diamonds and track meets. Generations gathering to cheer on children playing games.

I found myself giving thanks for the gift of time to sneak away with loved ones to visit old friends and children and grandchildren.

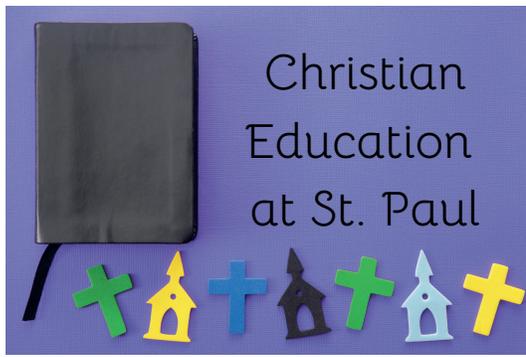
I found myself giving thanks for the tickle of the grass during outdoor worship. I give thanks for generations coming together on blankets spread out on the church lawn to praise God with great music!

I give thanks for the laughter that swells from the playground and the basketball court.

I give thanks for picnic potlucks and popsicles and vacation Bible School and pet blessings.

I know that there is a lot of pain in our world. There is pain in each and everyone of us and in our lives. That pain is there, and trust me, I am not asking you to forget it. I know that you can't anymore than I can forget mine. Perhaps though, for a few moments, maybe while you are getting ready for the day or sitting with your cup of tea or coffee, or waiting in your car for the kids to finish practice, you too can give thanks in gratitude for the simple things of life. The simple joys that meet you each and every day or are a little surprise in your summer. May each of you feel God's presence and see God's gifts all around you these summer days. May God's love warm you and may you bask in the Son.

In peace,
Pastor Lisa



Thank you!

Thank you to all of our Sunday School Teachers! Sunday School will return in the Fall. Please consider helping out with this important ministry in the lives of our children.

Outdoor Worship and Summer Picnic Potluck!

Bring your lawn chair and a friend or two to worship on Sunday June 1st! We will hold worship out on the front lawn. Following worship we will have an old fashioned church picnic, potluck style! So please bring a dish to share. We will have plates, silverware, and drinks available.

Let's have some good old Summer Fun together! See you Sunday!

Let's Celebrate!

Celebration is this year's theme for Vacation Bible School! We are going to party and celebrate every day! God has given us millions of things to celebrate! So bring out the party hats, blow up the balloons, throw the confetti, it's time to Party! VBS this year will be July 6-9th! Please register online so we can plan to have enough supplies! This is the one to let your family, friends, and neighbor's know about! We want to fill the church with kids and adults ready to PARTY!!!! We are still in need of a few more helpers to move children from one station to the next. If you are excited to help us in this way, please call the office or let Melissa Gramlich know ASAP!

Pentecost and Geraniums

Pentecost Sunday is quickly approaching and once again this year we would love to decorate the altar area with red geraniums. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, you are invited to purchase a red geranium of your choice and bring it to the church the week of Monday June 2nd through Saturday June 7th. The geraniums will decorate the the worship space on June 8th and then be planted in the church flower beds or flower pots to be enjoyed all summer long! Thank you for your generosity in donating these flowers for this beautiful worship service! We will plant the geraniums on Monday morning June 9th at 10:00 AM and would love help with this project! Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know that we have enough help on the 9th!



Church Staff

- Rev. Lisa Dietrich, Pastor
- Bev Fordham, Administrative Assistant
- Eric Coffey, Custodian
- Kyle Burkholder, Groundskeeper
- Deborah Garmers, Organist
- Michael Helgeson, Celebration and Praise Music Coordinator

Church Council

- Sally Bloom, President
- Mary Conrad, Vice President
- Linda Lowery, Secretary
- Penny Post-Freeman, Financial Officer
- Karen Rocke, Outward
- Melissa Gramlich, Inward
- Mary Jane Moder, Upward
- Brian Sharp, Property



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Womens Ministry

Women's Outing to Mackinaw Tea Room

Please join us for a fun-filled day of fellowship, shopping and food. We will meet at church at 11:00am on **Friday June 20th** and carpool to Mackinaw where we have a 12:30 luncheon reservation at the Tea Room at the Depot. We will be able to order off of the menu. Their specialty is the "tier" which you will choose either a soup or salad, then choose your entree from a variety of sandwiches or salads, then top it off with one of their delicious desserts. After lunch there will be time to shop at Garden Gate and Beth Anne's where you will find home decor, florals, gifts, kids books and toys, jewelry, purses and clothing. Please sign up soon on the sheet on the bulletin board because space is limited to 20 people. Also, if you are willing to drive from church, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. Any questions please contact Mary Conrad. Thank you.

Yay Ladies!

We have 11 women who will be traveling to Mall of America for a great time of fellowship, devotions, and of course shopping! Watch your email for more details about departure time, etc... Come ready to have a great time together! Women, look for more opportunities for us to gather in study and fellowship! The women of St Paul are simply amazing!

Women's Groups

Quilters: June 2nd and June 16th at 10am

Esther Circle: June 24th at 9:30am

JoAnna Circle: On summer break

Remembering our beloved Members

We invite you to join us in remembering Shirley Taute and Myrle Coffman.

Saturday June 14th at 1:30pm we will remember Shirley Taute with a memorial service and treats following in the Narthex.

Wednesday June 18th will be a funeral service for Myrle Coffman with a visitation beginning at 9:30am and the funeral to follow at 11am.

There will be a funeral luncheon in the Bischoff room.

We Pray For:

Floyd Rademaker,
Shirley Barber, Rob Hackett,
Andrea Williams, Susie Ney,
Jeff Williams, Kendra Tallman,
Abby Mundwiller, Shannon Perales,
Jim Chamberlain,
Terri Montgomery, Charley Fairbanks,
Joe Ferrie, Susan VanMoorlehem,
Shirley Johnson, and Nina Marquart

Our Shut-ins:

Floyd Rademaker, Nina Marquart,
Tom Schreiner,
Sam Kahl

Prayer Chain Contacts:

Cindy Lee 309.635.9691
Eileen Cunningham
309.685.0720

Article deadlines

Please submit articles for the weekly bulletin no later than 10am Thursday mornings.

Articles for the June newsletter need to be submitted no later than 10am on June 20th.

Notification

Please if you are in the building for **any reason**, or **any length of time contact** the office so we know who is in the building.

Please place any documents that you have for Bev or Pastor Lisa **in the boxes outside our doors**. We don't want to get things misplaced when they are just set on our desks.

Thank you!

Church Council Information

Brian Sharp and Karen Rocke have been working on the Summer Son Celebration. There will be local praise bands, popcorn, drinks and popsicles.

St Paul will have their own booth at Pride Fest this year. Sign up sheets will go up soon.

St Paul will be sending a donation to Lutheran Social Services to help with the Back Packs for Foster Kids program.

Outdoor worship services are scheduled for the first Sundays in June, July, and August.

Thank you!

Thank you for the cards, flowers and prayers during the death of my cousin, Cathy. Your thoughtfulness means the world to both Scott and I. May God bless each of you and your families.

In peace,
Pastor Lisa and Scott

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, visits and love for Steve as he underwent hip surgery and during his recovery.

Steve and Karen

Thank you to the men of St Paul for pulling together for the Living Last Supper Part 2! Each of you did a fantastic job portraying the disciples and what they might have been feeling post-resurrection. It was really nice to hear all of the ways that the disciples sacrificed for the good of the Gospel. Thank you also to everyone who helped behind the scenes with costumes, set up etc... Your hard work and dedication to the ministry at St Paul is greatly appreciated!

Worship Assistants

6/1: Penny Post-Freeman

6/8: Elias Fordham

6/15: Hal Fordham

6/22: **Need volunteer**

6/29: **Need volunteer**

Fellowship Treats

6/1: Penny Post-Freeman

6/8: Molly Guy

6/15: **Open**

6/22: **Open**

6/29: **Open**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

6/4: Mason Hill

6/7: Eric Coffey

6/10: Larry and Mary Hansen's
Anniversary

6/11: Zendaya Barrett

6/11: Cindy McLouth

6/13: Kathy Floria

6/13: Michael and Dawn
Helgeson's Anniversary

6/13: Timothy Johnson

6/16: Scott and Pastor Lisa's
Anniversary

6/17: Mike and Julia Coffman's
Anniversary

6/18: Sarah Coffey

6/19: Patrick Crotz

6/19: Jan Becker-Riebel

6/28: Jude and Susie Ney's
Anniversary

6/30: Brittany Robinson

Counters

6/1: Brian Sharp & Mary Jane
Moder

6/8: Mike Coffman & Roger
Conrad

6/15: Kyle Burkholder & Mark
Guy

6/22: Scott Lee & Julia Coffman

6/29: Karen Rocke & Jodi Sharp

Definition of St. Paul Equity Funds

At the time of a gift being received, be it death or other, the pastor should have a conversation with the donor or donor's family to help them discern the most appropriate use of the gift and the most appropriate fund that the gift should be applied to.

Estate Bequest – By definition this is a gift given upon a death with no designation. **It is recommended that this fund be closed and all monies moved into Memorial Fund.** Because of its lack of definition this is money that has been just sitting here with no clear use.

Memorial Fund—A Designated Fund to be used at the discretion of the Church Council. Typically this fund is used for items that the church needs or can use that will last the church 5 years or more. Items that would be appropriate here would be: Altar linens, Candelabras, Large Coffee Urns, Furniture, eternal candle, Story Walk Books, Choral Music, etc...

Building Fund—**It is recommended that the name of this fund be changed to reflect its more typical use, Savings Fund.** The money in this fund are used for meeting the General Budget as well as big ticket items such as: Furnaces, Air Conditioners, Roof and Roof repairs, Tree Work, Parking Lot repairs etc...

Mission Fund – This is a designated fund to be used at the discretion of the Church Council and is specifically set aside for Mission Work. For example: Sponsor a missionary, money sent to local mission support, food bank, housing, local, state, and/or global.

Food Pantry Fund- This fund supports St Paul's Free Little Pantry. This money is used to purchase food to stock and supplement the pantry housed at St Paul.

Flower Fund – The money in this fund is for the purchase of flowers to adorn the sanctuary for worship service. The flowers are to be taken home following worship by the people who signed up for that particular service.

Endowment Fund – See the Endowment Fund brochure. Small amounts of money given to the church through the year should be moved to the Endowment Fund at the end of July and at the end of December.

Reimbursable Fund- The reimbursable Fund is an account where money is placed for short term projects. For example: Money set aside for the Quilters but the money will be spent within a year so there is no need to set up a long term equity account. The money for this account must be kept track of using a spread sheet, so that all the monies are accounted for.

Galatians 6:10 Fund – This is money used for St Paul members who are in need. This money is used to pay electric bills, rent, car repairs, steel toe boots, prescriptions, etc... The money is not to be given to the member, but to the electric company, landlord, etc...

Youth Fund – This is money set aside for any Youth ministry needs. For example: go to camp, mission trips, National or local Youth Gatherings, bowling, supplies, pizza, anything regarding youth.

Men in Mission Fund- This is money set aside for a Men's Ministry Group. Currently St. Paul does not have a Men's Group, but this money is set aside for a group should one start.

Clothing Closet Fund – The money in this account is for the St. Paul Clothing Closet use. Typically this money is used to advertise on Facebook and/or the purchase of socks and underwear or other clothing items when needed.

East Bluff Fund – The money in this fund is in particular for the cooking and feeding of Saturday morning breakfast at the East Bluff Mission site. Food is purchased by members and they are reimbursed from this fund.

General Fund – This is the General Operating Fund for St Paul Lutheran Church. This fund takes care of payroll and all daily and yearly ministry activities. This includes all ministry team items, grounds, maintenance, monthly bills, etc...

Equity Balance	2024 balance	Adjustment	Note	New 2024 balance
Estate Bequest	\$3,299.73	-\$3,299.73	move into Memorial Fund	\$0.00
Memorial Fund	-\$4,812.44	\$732,125.13	Receive \$3299.73 from Estate Bequest and \$728,825.40 from Savings Fund (unspent Mary Alice money)	\$727,312.69
Savings Fund	\$1,522,678.16	-\$1,078,825.40	Move \$350,000 into General Fund and \$728,825.40 into Memorial Fund	\$443,852.76
Mission Fund	\$468.33			\$468.33
Food Pantry Fund	\$4,434.99			\$4,434.99
Flower Fund	\$643.37			\$643.37
Endowment Fund	\$2,217.75			\$2,217.75
Reimbursable Fund	\$6,770.13	-\$5,000.00	Move \$5,000 into General Fund	\$1,770.13
Galations 6:10 Fund	\$9,473.35			\$9,473.35
Youth Fund	\$9,729.09			\$9,729.09
Men in Mission Fund	\$720.29			\$720.29
General Fund	-\$269,601.45	\$355,000.00	Receive \$350,000 from Savings Fund and \$5000 from Reimb.	\$85,398.55
Clothing Closet Fund	\$671.12			\$671.12
East Bluff Fund	\$2,296.31			\$2,296.31
Total	\$1,288,988.73			\$1,288,988.73