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Worship Sundays at 10am

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



Pastor Wayne Sez...

Taking a journey through the Small Catechism of
Martin Luther The Ten Commandments

The first commandment: You shall have no other gods. *What does this mean?* We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things.

The second commandment: You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God. *What does this mean?* We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name, but instead use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God.

The third commandment: Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. *What is this? or What does this mean?* We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise the preaching or God's word but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear and learn it.

As we begin our Journey into Luther's explanation of the Ten Commandments, we need to see that the commandments are divided into two sections. the first three commandments invite us into a relationship with God. In commandments four through ten, because of God's relationship with us, God calls us into a relationship with our family and neighbors.

The first commandment of God is that he is our God. In this promised relationship, God calls us to a sense of Awe, the deeper meaning of fear, love, and trust. That is good news, but Luther, in his Large Catechism, reminds us that if we "**were**" able to keep this first commandment, we would not need the other nine. This relationship is so vital that Luther starts all the explanation of the other nine with these words, "**we are to fear and love God**" that we don't do x but do Y.

The second commandment is that God wants to give us a means of contact through his name. But Luther reminds us that we can make God's name *nothing* by the way we use it (the literal meaning of vain is to make nothing) that this name is more important than a means to ask for a curse on someone or as a proof of the truth of what we say, you know "I swear to God" or as a means to prop up a lie, or trick someone into our lie (deceive). But God has given us his name because he wants us to know that we can call on him, we can share this bond of awe in *prayer, praise and thanksgiving*.

The third commandment calls us into a day of rest based on God speaking to us through words, not any ordinary words, but God's word. As we gather each Sunday, we hear in God's word where we have been and where God is leading us. but it is easy for us to despise these conversations because the un holy trinity evil (the sinful self, the devil, and the world) says to us we would rather hear our own words, or God's word is just so much mumbling, or there are better words out there for us to hear. However, this God keeps inviting us back Sunday after Sunday to join with others to gladly hear and learn the Word that gives us life and direction.

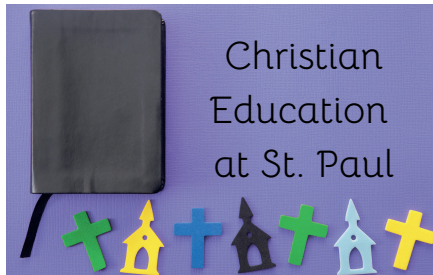


Interim Pastor

We welcome and thank Pastor Wayne Shelkshon for coming on board as our interim Pastor for the next few months. May God continue to guide us through this transition time.

Sunday School

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and helped to teach Sunday School this past year. We will take a break for summer and will begin back in August! Please consider helping out with this important ministry in the lives of our children.



Women's Circle Dates

Quilters: June 1st and 15th

JoAnna: Summer Break

Esther: June 23rd in the Bishoff Room

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 Wednesday June 17th 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" from 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.



Church Staff

- Wayne Shelksohn, Interim Pastor
- Bev Fordham, Administrative Assistant
- Eric Coffey, Custodian
- Kyle Burkholder, Groundskeeper
- Deborah Garmers, Organist
- Michael Helgeson, Celebration and Praise Music Coordinator

Church Council

- Abigail Williams, President
- Michael Helgeson, Vice President
- Linda Lowery, Secretary
- Penny Post-Freeman, Financial Officer
- Karen Rocke, Service Ministries
- Mary Jane Moder, Worship
- Morgan Wertz, Education/ Youth
- Brian Sharp, Property



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St. Paul
Fellowship Together

Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars now for July 18th to help with Peoria's Pride Fest! This is such a fun event and we need your help! St Paul will have it's own booth at the festival again this year. Watch for details on how you can help and participate in this wonderful event.



Council Highlights

The electricians found during their inspection that two circuit panels have been recalled, so they have been replaced.

Brackets have been ordered and installed to secure the new picnic tables into the ground to prevent tipping.

October Fest is scheduled for September 27th from 4-6pm

Council approved a bid from Floor Boss to replace the broken and lifted tiles downstairs.

The Ministry Site Profile has been approved by the council and has been submitted. It will be published for prospective pastors as soon as it is approved by the Bishop. The call committee has been formed and will be announced soon.

Finances for the month of April 2026:

Offering - \$11,570.35

Expenses - \$40,540.07

Finances for the month of May 2026:

Offering - \$11,570.35

Expenses - \$18,496.63

Have You Ever Wondered...

If you have looked around the church lately you will see that there are new evacuation signs posted in various locations. If there were to be an emergency while you are in the building the plan is to go out the nearest exit and meet at the white sign at the entrance to the parking lot. This would be for a fire, gas leak or any other emergency where we would evacuate. For a tornado where we would need to seek shelter the safest place is downstairs in the middle of the hallway. If you have any questions about these emergency procedures please speak with Kyle Burkholder.

Worship Assistants

6/7: Sue Borcharding

6/14: Larry Hansen

6/21: Eli Fordham

6/28: Hal Fordham

Fellowship Treats

6/7: Amber and Linda

6/14: Molly and Sally

6/21:

6/28: Carol and Vivian

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

6/7: Karen Rocke and Jodi Sharp

6/14: Gerry Bloom and Hal Fordham

6/21: Brian Sharp and Mary Jane Moder

6/29: Mike Coffman and Roger Conrad

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, food and donations on behalf of Shari's mom Jerrie Black who sadly passed away in April. All of the thoughts and prayers have been very appreciated and have been a comfort.

Thank you to our wonderful St. Paul family.
Shari, Stuart, Holly, Quincy & Timothy Johnson

Thank you all for your cards, thoughts and prayers before, during and following my surgery. Thank you also to the ladies who have stepped up and helped out in the office while I was off and then continued to come and help while I still have lifting restrictions. You all have made this a peaceful recovery.

With love and lots of gratitude, Bev and family



Congratulations Graduates!

Jordan Wertz Moore, Sandy Wertz's granddaughter, graduated from Old Dominion university with a Masters in Science in Civil/ Environmental Engineering

Sarah Wertz, Sandy Wertz's granddaughter, graduated from St. Ambrose University with a Bachelor's in Science degree specializing in Exercise Science. She will continue in the fall with getting her Doctoral program in Occupational Therapy.

Gus Ulrich graduated from Brimfield High School. He is already an apprentice with 360 Electric and working toward being an electrician at Heartland College.

**If we have mistakenly forgot anyone please let us know

We Pray For:

Shirley Barber, Rob Hackett,
Susie Ney, Jeff Williams,
Abby Mundwiler, Jim
Chamberlain, Terri
Montgomery, Joe Ferrie, Nina
Marquart, Willie Miller,
Elijah Bolden, Camila
Heerman and Bev Fordham.

Our Shut-ins:

Nina Marquart, Tom
Schreiner and 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 23rd.**

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 in the box outside their doors.

We don't want to get things misplaced when they are just set on the desk.

Thank you!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 10:00am –11:00am Worship</p>	<p>1 10:00am –12:00pm Quilting (Bischoff)</p>	<p>2 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS</p>	<p>3 5:00pm –9:00pm Gems of the Prairie (Bischoff)</p>	<p>4 7:00pm –9:00pm JoAnna Circle</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:00am –12:00pm Clothing Closet Open</p>
<p>7 10:00am –11:00am Worship</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 10:00am Crafting with MJ</p>
<p>14 10:00am –11:00am Worship</p>	<p>15 10:00am –12:00pm Quilting (Bischoff) 5:30pm Church Council</p>	<p>16 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS</p>	<p>17 11:00am Women's Outing to Mackinaw</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:00am GEMS</p>
<p>21 10:00am –11:00am Worship</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 9:30am –11:30am Esther Circle 10:30am –12:00pm TOPS</p>	<p>24 10:00am –2:00pm Faithful Creations</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:00am –12:00pm Clothing Closet Open 12:00pm Floyd Rademaker Celebration of Life</p>
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