



## ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

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### ST. PAUL "MESSENGER"

JUNE ~ 2023

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<sup>2</sup> *On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.* <sup>3</sup> *So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation (Genesis 2:2-3).*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The text from Genesis makes it evident that even God got tired from working hard. God set an example for us, by taking time to rest and refresh to be ready for the ongoing work creation requires. God hallowed and blessed the time of rest. The book of Exodus, calls the "seventh day" the "Sabbath," and God commands, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." God planned for all of creation to rest.

This is the time of year for vacations, a time to get away from work, school, and the daily routine; it is a time to rest and relax. Too often, people return from vacations more tired than they were before they left. We try putting too much into our get-a-ways. Ever heard the expression, "I need a vacation from my vacation?" Perhaps the problem isn't that we've put too many things into our vacation, but rather, we've left something out. Perhaps we have neglected to bless and hallow our time away.

How does one make time for Sabbath each day away, or even when staying at home?

T.R.I.P. is a spiritual practice that may help; it can be used as a morning or evening devotion. TRIP is an acronym formed from Thanks, Regret, Intercession, and Purpose. TRIP is simple and easy to remember by asking four questions: 1) Thanks: for whom/what am I thankful? 2) Regret: what is something I regret having done, said, or left undone/unsaid? 3) Intercession: for whom/what do I need to pray? 4) Purpose: what action is God calling me to take?

*On a vacation!* TRIP can set the tone for the day and/or reflect on the day's events. Allow the discussion of the questions to be a daily devotion reflecting on things to be remembered or wish to be forgotten. *Not on a vacation!* Take a TRIP with God anyway. TRIP can be practiced anywhere, anytime, every day. A daily TRIP can help us focus on God while celebrating time away from work, daily struggles, and anxiousness.

Example: Thanks—for the beautiful scenery seen while driving; Regret—demonstrating anger when being cut by another driver; Intercession—for the person riding in the Ambulance that passed on the highway; Purpose—God is calling me to be careful and relaxed while driving.

End with PRAYER: Thank you God for . . . Forgive me for . . . I lift up to you . . . and, help me to . . . Amen. Allow each member of the family time to respond to each petition.

Keeping close to God in prayer is like taking mini vacations or Sabbaths every day.

May Your Summer Travels Be Blessed!

Minister Deb

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023 – 7:00PM**

**Attendance:** Tom Carey, Mary Coldren, Amy Gibson, Laurie Laird, Natalie McClelland, Jake Orwick, Tom Marquart, Amanda Price, Mike Stoltz, Bart Welte, Minister Deb Noll, Tammy von Stein

**CALL TO ORDER** – Laurie Laird

Chairperson, Laurie Laird, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm, and opened with a review of our 2023 Book Study, “Grounded in Prayer” (Week 2 – Days 4-7). Written by Brent W. Dahlseng.

The April 11, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Checking account balances as of April 30, 2023

Current	\$144,453.46
Building	\$3,272.50
Improvement	\$775.00
Missions	\$6,618.00
<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>\$39,546.73</u>
TOTAL	\$194,665.69

Savings - General Memorial      \$8,852.18

- Account balances for April 2023 and current profit & loss statement comparing budget vs. actual were reported along with April checks written. Contributions to the Current Fund as of April 30, 2023, totaled \$92,721.02 vs. a budgeted \$66,425.43. Expenses for the same period totaled \$78,789.89 vs. a budgeted \$56,752.14.

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

- Insurance documents for the church were electronically signed to cancel the old insurance with Guide One. There will be a refund from that.
- Forms were signed for the purchase of the sanctuary padded chairs.
- Tom Marquart addressed the flickering light in the parsonage.
- Minister Deb got a quote for renters’ insurance. For \$25,000 in coverage the cost would be \$265 per year. Jason Grainger suggested doubling the coverage at \$50,000 for ~\$350 a year. It was suggested by Council to investigate the \$50,000 coverage since the cost was not much more.
- Parish Board asked about liability for renting inflatables and Jason Grainger mentioned they do have a special events policy and will get back with Natalie.
- Bart purchased the man door for parsonage barn.
- Tom filled the softener with salt for the church.
- Crates memorial scholarship has been published in the bulletin.
- Rope lights for outdoor cross are in, waiting for ground to dry up to replace.

**MINISTER’S REPORT** – Respectfully Submitted, Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister

**Word for Thought:** *“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (John 20:21-23)*

Pentecost, traditionally known as the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit and began spreading the good news throughout God's kingdom on earth, will be celebrated in a few weeks. In this text from John's gospel,

Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the disciples, telling them they are sent as God had sent him. Aside from worship and service here at St. Paul, where have you been sent to spread the good news of Jesus Christ?

### **Activity Since Last Council Meeting**

#### Worship and Member Contact

- Sunday morning worship services x 8
- Hospital Visits x 2
- Member Telephone Conversations x 8
- Member in-office visits x 4
- Worship Liturgy Music Practice x 1
- St. Paul Women of the ELCA x 1
- Outreach Committee x 1
- Worship Committee x 1 by email
- Confirmation Classes x 3
- “Jokers” Card Group x 4

#### Church Related Activity

- Synod Authorized Minister Lunch and Meeting with Supervisor and Congregational Council Chair
- Lead Worship @ The Good Samaritan
- Southeast Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Conference
- Hosted Northwestern Ohio Synod Council @ St. Paul

#### Continuing Education

- “Stories from the Heart” workshop @ Peace Lutheran, Bowling Green
- Prepare/Enrich Premarital/Marriage Assessment Survey & Response Training

#### Upcoming Events

- Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
- Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting
- Community Meal and Artist Visit August 15 (Women of the ELCA and Outreach Committee)
- CPE training will be in the Fall, ten weeks, by Zoom, 10:00-3:00 Wednesdays, October 4 through December 6

#### Vacation Days Taken

- Wednesday April 12 and Thursday April 13

### **YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Amy Gibson**

- Urban Air event had 10 youth and 3 adults attend.
- Youth board moved the BBQ to June 11, ticket sales will resume May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Confirmation had the last meeting on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade only meeting on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation Sunday is tentatively scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer Extravaganza will be held June 30 – July 2
  - June 30 – Zoombezi Bay (waterpark) with a movie night that evening to kick off Friday Movie Night.
  - July 1 – Columbus Zoo with a Noah’s Ark themed scavenger hunt.
  - July 2 – Youth to travel to Minister Debs’ house in Cardington to help prep house to sell.
- Working on getting other event dates solidified for rest of summer and into fall.
- Amy is continuing her “Sticky Faith” training through Synod Youth Discipleship Network.

- Amy is working on a request proposal from the Trust Committee for a service project day with the youth. This service day will entail building three additional picnic tables for the pavilion and three additional benches near playground. Amy would also like the Trustees direction on what kind of benches and picnic tables would be best.

### **PARISH EDUCATION – Amanda Price**

- Kids Praise Lenten services had about 25–30 kids attend. The last day on March 29 was a big success with the Escape Room event.
- Three children had their 1<sup>st</sup> communion on Maundy Thursday.
- VBS sign-up sheet for volunteers is available, there will be a deadline for sign up to get the free t-shirt. VBS is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – 8:00pm with light meal at 6:00pm.

### **OUTREACH**

- The Arlington Food Pantry food drive was a huge success. Thank you all you help donate items for this cause.
- Muffins for Mom will be on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>. (Mother’s Day)
- Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> Outreach and WELCA will be hosting an artist event that will be open to the community where we have invited the Artist, Elva Hurst, to come and share her story and artistic talents. The theme will be “Lessons from the Birds”. A light dinner will be served at 6:00pm with the program at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.
- Outreach would like to have a celebration service at 10:00am on Shipwreck Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The theme would be “Amazing Grace” with a potluck meal to follow. Outreach Committee will be providing the bratwurst sandwiches and ice cream bars. We would also like special music during the service from Bell Choir, Senior Choir, Praise Band, and Children.
- Tammy von Stein requested on behalf of the Outreach Committee to assist with the purchase of 12, 72–inch round tables for Fellowship Hall. The cost of the 12 tables with cart is – \$4,700, with – \$2,000 donated towards this purchase from Wayne Sheets memorial fund, it was requested to have Council pay for the remaining balance. Jake Orwick made the motion to approve this purchase with the contingency that Outreach must provide the dimensions of the tables + cart and find room for all to fit. Mike Stoltz seconded; council approved.

### **OPERATIONAL ISSUES –**

#### **Old Business**

- Directory pictures are going well.
- Semi–Annual Meeting
  - Update to Parsonage
  - Committee Reports
  - Minister Deb Update

#### **New Business**

- Staff support met with Executive Committee to discuss wage increases and policy change for the following:
  - Increase Church Secretary’s wages to \$23,864 per year. It was decided that Jane was underpaid by today’s standards. This increase was based on cost of living, inflation, and her great contribution to our church. This increase will be retroactive January 1, 2023.
  - Church service cancellation policy was established for paid musicians. Any musician scheduled for a service that is canceled without 4 weeks’ notice will still be paid. (Lisa will be compensated for this past canceled Christmas Eve service due to weather.)
  - Increase substitute organists (Janet Carey) service pay by \$5.00 per Anthem and \$10.00 per service when filling in for Lisa.

- Natalie McClelland made the motion to accept the above changes, Bart Welte seconded; and the motion was approved by Council.

**ADJOURN**

- Meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 9:00pm.

*Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary*

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**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 — 10:15AM**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 10:15 by our Chairperson Laurie Laird with comments. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Minister Deb Noll.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Jake Leu

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Account # 6560 – Payroll Taxes. This line item is coming in a little higher as this is where Minister Deb’s milage is being accounted for.

Account # 6180 – Insurance. Trustees were able to switch insurances and obtain higher coverage at a lower rate, which will bring this line item a little below budget for the year.

**BELL SURVEY** – Laurie Laird

A survey on what to do with the church bell was passed around to gain a better idea on how to move forward with this and present a plan at the Annual Meeting.

The three options were as follows:

1. Mounted on pillar approximately four foot high with a memorial plaque. Pillars would be similar to existing sign out front.
2. Place on three secured legged structure where it could be rung.
3. Do nothing.

Minutes from November 13, 2022, Annual Meeting were reviewed. Gary Wilson moved to approved, Shawn Tobin seconded. Congregation approved.

**SYNOD AUTHORIZED MINISTER REPORT** – Minister Deb Noll

It continues to be a blessing to serve God and his people here at St. Paul. Since the November congregational meeting, together we have been a busy church. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Two new members were welcomed into God’s family through Holy Baptism: Chloe Gibson and Wyatt Wilson.
- We celebrated the lives of four members in death: Joan Wilch, Edna Marshall, Ron Kemerley and Brian Welly.

- In January we dedicated the renovation and blessed the Parsonage. Followed by an Open House to celebrate the space.
- The Wednesdays of Lent included Bible Study, Soup Suppers, Kids Praise, and Worship. The worship format was new and seemed to be well received. A suggestion for 2024 was made to consider “Holden’s Evening Prayer.” Through the encouragement of some members, I was able to tell my faith journey during the time while Dick was in the hospital 18 years ago. I have been blessed and inspired as my story encouraged some members to share their stories with me. Thank you.
- In March we offered a First Communion Retreat for three of our youth: Christopher Clark, Madelyn Smith, and Aubrie Reichley, who received their first communion on Maundy Thursday. What a blessing to work with these youth moving forward in their faith journey.
- As a Synod Authorized Minister, I was invited to be a part of the “Renewal of Vows” worship service for Rostered Leaders. I received a “Synod Authorized Minister’s” Cross (which you see me wear on Sunday mornings) during the SAMs’ breakfast with the Bishop.
- I attended two in-person continuing education workshops: “Stories of the Heart” – returning to the oratory way of telling the gospel. A sample of what was gleaned from this workshop will be shared on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. The second was “Prepare/Enrich”— training to facilitate conversations with couples planning to be married, or desiring to enrich relationships. We’ve had a few glitches, but I think we’ve been able to work through them, and my door is always open to discuss any and all issues. My desire is to give God the glory, while serving you the best I can.

I’m excited to tell of some things are on the horizon:

**Adopt-a-bedroom** for the Parsonage.

Purpose: to make the upstairs bedrooms available to out-of-town guests of St. Paul members for weddings, funerals, special family moments, or as temporary housing (as in the case of a home fire where a family needs to evacuate and relocate), etc.

What: Seeking donations of moderately used bedroom furnishings, new mattresses, and bedding for the upstairs bedrooms in the parsonage.

Where: Donations will be stored in the garage of the parsonage pending arrangements for placing furniture upstairs on Youth Mission Day, Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> with additional support of Congregational members.

When: Now through June 30<sup>th</sup>

How: Sign-up sheet of what is needed is in the welcome space.

Items will remain in the parsonage as long as I am invited to serve as your minister. At the time of my departure, items will be offered back to the original donor, then to members of the congregation, and if unclaimed will go to the ReStore, Goodwill, Salvation Army, or to anyone in the community with an urgent need.

**August 15 “Chalk Talk”** presented by Elva Hurst

Elva Hurst is the artist who did the Chalk Art that is hanging in the parsonage. She will be hosted here by St. Paul’s Women of the ELCA along with any donations of support (donations can be given to Natalie). The cost for Elva to be with us is \$500. Her presentation will be well worth attending and is fit for all ages.

Also on that evening, the Outreach Team is hosting a community meal: Chicken Salad Croissant sandwich or Hot Dog sandwich, assorted salads, fruit, cookies and beverage. Attendance at both is Free, but reservations are required—via a ticket for the meal!

Meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00p.m.

Elva’s Art in the sanctuary at 7:00p.m.

## **Shipwreck Sunday, September 17** – Theme for the day, “Amazing Grace”

One worship service uplifted in song and praise by all the choirs and youth performing. To be followed by a pot-luck meal with the meat and ice cream sandwiches provided by the Outreach Team. We will also celebrate the Tenth anniversary of our current building’s dedication.

### For Your Information

**ELCA Commission on a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC):** At the 2022 Churchwide Assembly the ELCA church council was called to establish the Commission on a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC) to reconsider statements of purpose for the church and its organizational structure. The commission will present its findings and recommendations to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention.

Adam Sornchai, the pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, Cardington, was nominated, and selected to serve on the Commission, along with 34 other individuals.

More information on the Commission and a timeline for their work can be found at [www.elca.org/CRLC](http://www.elca.org/CRLC)

I invite you to review the site, and share with me any questions or suggestions you may have for the Commission, and I will forward them on to Pastor Sornchai.

Thank you for all the support you continue to give Dick and I. Thank you also for your time and your support of all the ways we give God the Glory here at St. Paul. By God’s grace we are truly blessed.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY** – Amy Gibson

### Past Events:

- Snow Trails
- Bible Walk Trip in Mansfield
- Urban Air and Odd Fodder

### Upcoming Events:

- ReFuel BBQ, June 11
- Campfire on Friday June 23
- Summer Extravaganza will be July 1 and July 2.
  - July 1 will be a trip to Zoombezi Bay Waterpark
  - July 2 the youth will be helping Minister Deb with setting up the items collected for the Adopt a Bedroom for the parsonage project.
- Youth will be volunteering for VBS.
- Movie night will be at the end of July.
- Back to School bash at the end of August.
- Currently planning for the 2024 Youth Gathering located in New Orleans. Fundraisers will begin with the ReFuel BBQ. There will be a thermometer placed in the welcome space to show the progress of the money raised.

## **PARISH BOARD** – Amy Gibson

- VBS theme this year is “High Seas,” which will be an underwater theme. VBS will take place July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm — 8:00pm, with a light meal served at 6:00pm. Volunteers are still needed.
- Kids praise Lenten services had a great turn out and ended with an Escape Room event, which was also a success.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PARSONAGE RENOVATION UPDATE – Tom Marquart**

The initial estimated renovation was — \$80,000, and final cost to be right around \$70,000, which included the following updates:

- New door to shed installed
- New garage doors and openers
- Wheelchair accessible ramp from garage to entrance into a handicapped accessible bathroom with shower.
- Small bathroom downstairs was redone to make more user friendly
- Hardwood floors refinished
- Stackable washer and dryer installed downstairs
- One of the front rooms was converted to a bedroom
- All new window treatments
- All walls resurfaced and repainted
- New carpet throughout upstairs bedrooms
- All new lighting
- Both bathrooms redone upstairs
- Gas forced air and air conditioning throughout whole house
- New dishwasher and stove installed
- To be done yet is tuck pointing on the block around the foundation

Lisa and Jane were recognized for their 25 years of service.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 with the Lord's Prayer.

*Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary*

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## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE 2023**

**SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Lisa Gossman

**PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR:** Jan Grieser

**HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Tammy Robinson

**AUDIO VIDEO:** Jacob Orwick and Marty Grieser

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jan Grieser

**WEBSITE COORDINATOR:** Chelsea Boehm

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## **PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS**

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370

Pam Hoffman — pkhoffman87@gmail.com or 419-358-1682

## **HOSPITAL STAYS**

It is important to the church that we support you through illness and hospitalizations. If you are admitted to Blanchard Valley Hospital for an overnight stay we would like to know.

If you are planning an admission to any hospital, please call the church office at 419-326-3535 to let us know the date you are entering and how long you anticipate staying.

At admission to BVH, *planned or unplanned*, you (or your spokesperson) will be asked several questions,

1. Religion: this may be asked at pre-registration or at admission along with your address, phone number, etc. Please give our denomination.



2. If you wish to be on the Hospital Directory and the Religion List. These questions will be asked of you (or your spokesperson) during the “Consent to Treatment” process. Please answer “yes” to both.

In order to protect your privacy the hospital does not routinely call the church to tell us you have been admitted, unless you specifically ask them to call us. We depend on you or your family to let us know if you have been admitted.

If you have been in the hospital for a day or two and have not been visited, please ask your family or nurse to contact the church office.

A new federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastors and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized and would like to notify the pastor, it is important that you or a member of your family inform the church office as soon as possible at 419-326-3535 and the secretary will contact the pastor.

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**PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023:** Chad Beagle; Jana Bosse (*wife of Gary*); Keith Bower; Mary Cowan; Joseph Drier (*Amy Gibson’s father*); Hailey Essinger (*friend of Kelly Settlage*); family and friends of Cale Frankart; Brett & Amy Gibson family; Allison Hermann (*granddaughter of Bob & Evelyn Robison*); Mark Hoffman (*Mike’s brother*); Mike Inbody; Daryl Ingram (*Mike’s brother*); family and friends of Bob Isenbarger; Jim Maas (*friend of Marcia Russell*); Kyle McDowell; Matt Robinson; Randy Snyder (*Lee Laird’s brother-in-law*); Marcella Utendorff (*friend of Marcia Russell*); all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambebe Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.

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## Our Christian Sympathy is extended to ~ ~

**Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bob Isenbarger.** Bob, 71, passed away at Bridge Hospice Care Center in Findlay on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. A graveside service was held at St. Paul Cemetery on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> with Pastor Steve Ramsey officiating. May the family and friends of Bob feel God holding them close and fill them with resurrection hope.

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## Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

**Thank you so much** for the beautiful quilt and sweater for Liana. We love it and appreciate your generosity. Thanks again,  
*Dru, Shiuli, Kjan, and Liana Sidle*

**On behalf of Britt, myself and the kids we would like to thank each and every person** who has helped us during this move. Whether it be in the actual move, prayer or monetary we are so grateful, humbled and overly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community of God’s people. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you all.

**Dear St. Paul Members and Friends, Thank you very much** for the reception in honor of my 25 years of service. The donuts would have been enough but I am deeply appreciative of the gift cards and the beautiful personalized crystal keepsake acknowledgment! It has been a true blessing to serve the Lord and my church family in this capacity. Blessings!  
*Lisa Gossman*

**Thank you to St. Paul** for the reception in honor of 25 years of service. As I said that day “Time flies when you are having FUN!” Thank you for the gift cards and the crystal keepsake acknowledgment! It is beautiful. I have it displayed on the shelf in the church office if you want to see how beautiful it is. Thank you again for everything. Blessings,  
*Jane Wilch*

**A huge thank you to everyone who helped moved our youth director and her family to their new house on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.** The dedication to a successful move was much appreciated. Also a big thank you goes out to the women who served the food for lunch and to the many generous members who furnished the delicious food. It is such a blessing to be with, worship with, and to work with the many caring individuals at St. Paul. May God continue to bless all of you.  
*Mike*

**What a journey we walked** with our son, Matthew recently.! Our lives changed in a heartbeat. As many know, Matthew found out he had a large tumor in his brain after an accident. We are happy to report that the tumor has been removed, was benign and he is doing remarkable well! We want to thank all of our family, friends, and church family for the many prayers our family has received over the last few weeks. We had prayers being lifted from the west to east coast. We definitely can say we felt the goodness, peaceful calm, and healing of God. No one is ever ready to hear such news of this kind, we can't imagine how we would have gotten through the past few weeks without our faith and love of our family, friends, and church family. So THANK YOU again!! GOD is Good!!  
*Keith, Tammy, and Matthew Robinson*

**If you would like to send Matthew Robinson a card, his address is:**

Matthew Robinson  
3201 Brighton Blvd. — Apt. 332  
Denver, CO 80216

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**Minister Deb's Office Hours:**

Monday – Day Off  
Tuesday – Work from Home, Evenings at Church, as necessary  
Wednesday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM  
Thursday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM [afternoons reserved for scheduling home visits]  
Friday – 9:00AM — 5:00PM  
Saturday – 8:00AM — NOON  
Sunday – Worship / Visitations / Catechism  
\* \* All are subject to member's needs and emergencies.  
\* \* Available by phone [419-560-1988 cell]  
\* \* e-mail address: dnoll2347@gmail.com

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**THE JUNE SEWING DAYS WILL BE ON TUESDAYS, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> and JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM – 2:00PM.** Come all of the time or part of the time. We assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you can tie a knot, use scissors or pin material together, we'd love your help with this important ministry! Please bring a dish to share for lunch. . [There were 13 ladies at the Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> sewing day and 9 quilts were assembled along with 3 finished quilts that were brought in making the total of 58 quilts completed. Thanks to all who attended. WELCA]

**CAN YOU HELP ME OUT?** I try to keep the church records up to date with names, addresses, phone numbers, marriages, separations, births, and any other member events. If you have any information regarding your family that needs to be updated please provide me with that information. You can either leave a note on the church office desk or call the office at 419-326-3535.  
Thanking you in advance, Jane Wilch



**ST. PAUL YOUTH RECYCLES** — St. Paul youth has put a container in the Welcome Space to collect USED print cartridges from your printers. So, don't throw those cartridges away anymore, put them in the container and we will recycle them and make a few bucks in the process. Everyone wins! Anyone is welcome to place cartridges in the container.



**HIGH SEAS ADVENTURE ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — Summer is quickly approaching and the parish board is working hard to plan this year's vacation bible school. It will be held Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM – 8:00PM. We are looking for any volunteers who would be willing to help with stations and lead the kids around. We are so thankful for such a great congregation that always helps out and makes our VBS so great! Thank you! Amanda Price

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE**

Sunday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	ReFUEL	6:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>	ReFUEL BBQ Fundraiser	11:30AM – 1:00PM
Sunday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	ReFUEL	6:00PM – 8:00PM

**FYI!!** – Due to a scheduling conflict, the Youth ReFUEL BBQ Fundraiser has been re-scheduled for Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30AM – 1:00PM. More information will be coming soon regarding purchasing of tickets and other information.



Dates for future Church Directory pictures will be scheduled as needed. If you or someone you know would rather send in a photo or cannot make it in for pictures, send a high quality photo to Jenny Welte's email, [jwelte92@gmail.com](mailto:jwelte92@gmail.com).

If you are interested in reserving the Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary or Pavilion for a wedding, reception, family reunion, graduation, or other event, please contact the church office at 419-326-3535. If the date is available, you will be given a rental agreement to read and sign. Council is requesting that this be completed by all members and non-members prior to using the church facilities.

**St. Paul Outreach Committee Focus Statement for 2023**

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:9-10

The St. Paul Outreach Committee will be using this Bible verse in 2023 to focus our efforts on needs closer to home. As a body of believers in Jesus we want to come alongside people in our community who are in need. That way we can do what Paul calls “carrying each other’s burdens.” (Galatians 6:2) Relying on God’s strength, we listen, we empathize, we help where we can, and we can also pray for them. We can look for ways to “do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Paul says that when we do so, we fulfill the law of Christ: to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. The burdens of life can be heavy, but praise God, he’s given us our church family to lighten the load. If you know of a “neighbor” who could use some help, please let us know and we’ll prayerfully consider what we as a church family can do to help.

## **Adopt-a-Bedroom Campaign**

St. Paul members are invited to participate in this project making the upstairs of the parsonage an inviting place of hospitality and outreach. **Purpose:** To make the upstairs bedrooms of the parsonage available to out-of-town guests of St. Paul members for weddings, funerals, special family moments, or temporary housing (as in the case of a home fire where a family needs to evacuate and relocate), etc. **What:** Seeking donations of moderately used bedroom furnishings, new mattresses, and bedding for the upstairs bedrooms. **Where:** Donations will be stored in the parsonage garage pending arrangements for placing furniture upstairs. *Contact Minister Deb before delivering to the parsonage.* **When:** Completion Date is **June 30, 2023** (Placing the furniture will be a part of the Youth Mission project on July 2; members are invited to come work with the youth). **How:** Sign up on the sheet provided in the Welcome Space.

Items will remain in place as long as Minister Deb serves St. Paul. At the time of her leave, all items will be offered first to those who have donated them, secondly to members of St. Paul, and thirdly given to the ReStore, Christian Clearing House, Goodwill, Salvation Army, or where there is an immediate need in the community.

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## **For Your Information**

**ELCA Commission on a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC):** At the 2022 Churchwide Assembly the ELCA church council was called to establish the Commission on a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC) to reconsider statements of purpose for the church and its organizational structure. The commission will present its findings and recommendations to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention.

Adam Sornchai, the pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, Cardington, was nominated, and selected to serve on the Commission, along with 34 other individuals.

More information on the Commission and a timeline for their work can be found at [www.elca.org/CRLC](http://www.elca.org/CRLC)

I invite you to review the site, and share with me any questions or suggestions you may have for the Commission, and I will forward them on to Pastor Sornchai. The first meeting of the CRLC will be July 13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Sornchai welcomes prayers for himself and fellow members embarking on this task.

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**“Chalk Talk” presented by Elva Hurst**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

**Community Meal at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall**

**Elva’s “Chalk Talk” at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary**

Elva Hurst is the artist of the Chalk Drawings hanging in the parsonage. Her live sketches accompanied by story and song are an experience you will never forget. Come be amazed by her presentation “Birds of All Seasons”. Her visit here is being supported by St. Paul’s WELCA and by your generosity through donations made to St. Paul WELCA, given to Natalie marked “Chalk Talk”. The cost for Elva to be with us is \$500.

Also on that evening, the Outreach Team is hosting a community meal: Chicken Salad Croissant sandwich or Hot Dog sandwich, assorted salads, fruit, cookies and beverage. Admission at both events is Free, but reservations are required, via a ticket, for the meal! Reservations for the meal can be made by contacting the church office, or Minister Deb, or a member of the Outreach Team. Free Will Donations will be accepted for both the meal and art presentation at the door.

This promises to be a fun, motivational, and inspiring evening for all ages. Mark your calendars now!

## 2023 Daily Bible Readings

*The Year of Story* is the Northwestern Ohio Synod's theme for 2023. Each year, Bishop Daniel Beaudoin encourages Church leaders and congregations to engage in daily Bible reading. The readings this year will walk readers through "The Story of Jesus." Together, let us read His story and ponder what God's Word reveals to us. The list of readings for the entire year may be found at:

<http://nwos-elca.church/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Bible-Reading-Guide.pdf>

### The readings for June are:

June 1	<i>Jesus Heals the Sick</i>	Matthew 14:34–36; Mark 6:53–56
June 2	<i>Bread of Life</i>	John 6:22–59
June 3	<i>Tradition of the Elders</i>	Matthew 15:1–9; Mark 7:1–13
June 4	<i>Things that Defile a Person</i>	Matthew 15:10–20; Mark 7:14–23
June 5	<i>The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith</i>	Matthew 15:21–28; Mark 7:24–30
June 6	<i>Jesus Heals Many People</i>	Matthew 15:29–31; Mark 7:31–37
June 7	<i>Feeding the Four Thousand</i>	Matthew 15:32–39; Mark 8:1–10
June 8	<i>The Demand for a Sign</i>	Matthew 16:1–4; Mark 8:11–13
June 9	<i>The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees</i>	Matthew 16:5–12; Mark 8:14–21
June 10	<i>Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida</i>	Mark 8:22–26

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June 11	<i>The Words of Eternal Life</i>	John 6:60–71
June 12	<i>Peter's Confession</i>	Matthew 16:13–20; Mark 8:27–30; Luke 9:18–20
June 13	<i>Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection</i>	Matthew 16:21–23; Mark 8:31–33; Luke 9:21–22
June 14	<i>The Cross and Self Denial</i>	Matthew 16:24–28; Mark 8:34–9:1; Luke 9:23–27
June 15	<i>The Transfiguration</i>	Matthew 17:1–9; Mark 9:2–10; Luke 9:28–36
June 16	<i>The Coming of Elijah</i>	Matthew 17:10–13; Mark 9:11–13
June 17	<i>Jesus Heals a Demon Possessed Boy</i>	Matthew 17:14–21; Mark 9:14–29; Luke 9:37–43
June 18	<i>Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection</i>	Matthew 17:22–23; Mark 9:30–32; Luke 9:44–45
June 19	<i>Jesus and the Temple Tax</i>	Matthew 17:24–27
June 20	<i>True Greatness</i>	Matthew 18:1–5; Mark 9:33–37; Luke 9:46–48
June 21	<i>An Exorcism</i>	Mark 9:38–41; Luke 9:49–50
June 22	<i>Temptations to Sin</i>	Matthew 18:6–9; Mark 9:42–50; Luke 17:1–2
June 23	<i>Parable of the Lost Sheep</i>	Matthew 18:10–14; Luke 15:3–7
June 24	<i>Reproving Another Who Sins</i>	Matthew 18:15–18
June 25	<i>Where Two or Three Are Gathered</i>	Matthew 18:19–20
June 26	<i>On Forgiveness</i>	Matthew 18:21–22
June 27	<i>The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant</i>	Matthew 18:23–35

### FINAL JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM (ACCORDING TO LUKE)

June 28	<i>Decision to Go to Jerusalem</i>	Luke 9:51
June 29	<i>Jesus Is Rejected by the Samaritans</i>	Luke 9:52–56
June 30	<i>On Following Jesus</i>	Luke 9:57–62; Matthew 8:18–22

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## June 2023 Birthdays

Thursday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Abbie Sheets
Saturday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sandi Marquart
Saturday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shiloh Ruehle
Tuesday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Hartman
Thursday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	John Carey
Thursday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Galloway
Thursday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Josh Hirt
Thursday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Garrett Smith
Saturday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Allison Reule
Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Jane Peyton
Monday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Dodge
Monday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Riegler
Monday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Valentage
Tuesday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Riegler
Thursday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Olivia Homera
Thursday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Leighton Price
Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn Boehm
Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Keene
Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Makinlie Kerner
Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Amryn Leu
Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Orwick
Saturday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Durliat
Saturday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mackenzie Schroeder
Sunday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Paisley Glick
Monday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Boehm
Tuesday, June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Aubrie Reichley
Wednesday, June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Joshua Light
Thursday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Stephen Bower
Thursday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Randi Glick
Thursday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tenley Schroeder
Friday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Boehm
Saturday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Arlene Marquart
Sunday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Hoffman
Sunday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Price
Monday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Camden Boehm
Monday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Loy
Monday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jenna Pepple
Tuesday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Brodey Kroske
Tuesday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Marjorie Reichley
Wednesday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Isenbarger
Wednesday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Zacary Leisure
Wednesday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Kyle McDowell
Friday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Hankins



## June 2023 Anniversaries

Thursday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dustin and Amanda Price – 10
Friday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jon and Michelle Tarnay – 5
Saturday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dale and Sara Geissinger – 23
Sunday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tom and Sally Valentage – 29
Wednesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Keith and Tammy Robinson – 43
Thursday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Darwin and Louise Wilson – 65
Saturday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tom and Cindy Boehm – 34
Thursday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Michael and Jennifer Frommer – 27
Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew and Abbey Fitch – 11
Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Norman and Kathy Hahn – 14
Saturday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew and Lindsay Follas – 23
Saturday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Paul and Sharon Hartman – 61
Sunday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Raymond and Barbara Bower – 57
Sunday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Marty and Marsha Grieser – 47
Tuesday, June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ed and Tammy vonStein – 31
Thursday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Scott and Lisa McDowell – 27
Friday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dan and Jean Ludwig – 22
Friday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Glenn and Rebecca Peyton – 11
Sunday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Troy and Jennifer Oeschler – 7
Friday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Joe and Amanda Panfil – 11
Friday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	John and Kimberly Shepard – 33



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>LECTOR:</b> Sally Valentage <b>ALTAR GUILD:</b> Jan Grieser <b>ORGANISTS:</b> June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , and 18 <sup>th</sup> : Lisa Gossman June 25 <sup>th</sup> : Janet Carey				<b>1</b> 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship Service / Communion 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	<b>5</b> Church Office Hours — 9:00AM – 3:00PM	<b>6</b> <b>7</b> Church Office Closed — Tuesday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, June 8 <sup>th</sup> — Vacation		<b>8</b> 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	<b>9</b> Church Office Hours — 9:00AM – 3:00PM	<b>10</b>
<b>11 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service / Communion / Baptism of Elsie and Isaac vonStein 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship Service / Communion 11:30AM – 1:00PM YOUTH / ReFUEL sponsored BBQ Fundraiser	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	<b>14</b> 6:30PM Senior Choir Practice / Picnic	<b>15</b> 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship Service / Communion	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00PM WELCA Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	<b>23</b> 5:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Kendra Parke for Bridal Shower set-up 6:00PM – 9:00PM YOUTH / Campfire	<b>24</b> NOON – 6:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Kendra Parke / Bridal Shower
<b>25 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 9:00AM Traditional Worship Service 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Youth Board Committee Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship Service / Communion	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	<b>30</b>	