

St. Paul Epistle

A watercolor-style background for the month name, featuring a mix of yellow, orange, and blue colors with a soft, textured appearance.

June

2025


St. Paul Lutheran Church Our Vision:

We are broken and blessed followers of Christ,
providing a home for all who wander the weary road.

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Weekly Services:
Saturday Worship: 5:30pm - Sunday Worship: 9:00am
Bible Class: 10:30am

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JUNE 2025

June 1	Rescue Mission Meal 12pm
June 3	Cover Girls 9am - 11am
June 5	Ruth Circle 10am
June 7	VBS Set-Up 9am - 11am
June 8	VBS Starts meal 5:30pm - Program 6pm - 8pm
June 9	VBS meal 5:30pm - Program 6pm - 8pm
June 10	VBS meal 5:30pm - Program 6pm - 8pm
June 11	VBS meal 5:30pm - Program 6pm - 8pm
June 12	Last Night of VBS meal 5:30pm - Program 6pm - 8pm
June 26	Brown Bag Bible Study 12pm - 1:30pm
June 30	Golden Age Euchre Club 1pm

Why is There a Coffin in Church?

If you've been in church lately, no doubt you've noticed the coffin on the altar! Many Christians, including many Lutherans choose to refrain from "Alleluias" in church services during Lent. Alleluia, meaning "Praise *Yahweh*" is a joyous expression of worship. It's not that we stop praising God during Lent but rather a desire to restrain our joy during a penitential season and then let it stand out more as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. In recent years, we have also engaged in the tradition of "burying" alleluias, visually removing a banner and/or individual pieces of paper with Alleluia written on them. Knowing that we had a casket maker in our congregation, I thought "wouldn't it be cool to bury the Alleluias in a real coffin?" Trevor Budewitz agreed to make a coffin for us. He came up with the brilliant idea of adding the words of Scripture to the lid. Thanks Trevor!

I recently asked Trevor some questions about his work to share with our church family:



1. How did you learn woodworking and how did you get into making caskets at New Melleray?

I learned woodworking from my dad. He is a cabinet maker and growing up I would help him in the wood shop. I also made a bunch of furniture as 4-H projects - with which he would help teach me while I was making them. When Kayla and I moved to town I heard they did woodworking at New Melleray and I thought it could be a nice opportunity. It has been a really enjoyable place to work.

2. Do you have opportunities to have conversations about faith at work?

Yes, from time to time faith conversations will come up with coworkers. For some church holidays the monks will hold a chapel service for employees to come to.

3. How does building caskets shape the way you think about mortality?

Death is something I am more aware of now. We make 18 and under caskets and those are always sad to make thinking about the family who has to mourn the loss of a child. It is always nice to remind myself thanks to Jesus we do not have to grieve like those with no hope.

4. What gave you the idea to add those particular verses from John 11 to the coffin you made for St. Paul?

John 11 was used for my grandpa's funeral a few months ago so was fresh on my mind. I thought the contrast between the sadness of Lazarus' death and the happiness of his resurrection worked well for the start of Lent and then Easter. I also like the I AM statements from Jesus.

5. What do you like most (and least) about what you do?

Most- it is a really peaceful work environment - low stress and kind coworkers. It is an added benefit that I can listen to a podcast or music while working.

Least- like any physical labor job some of the work can be repetitive. Thankfully each piece of wood is a little different so that requires some unique decision making.



Alleluia! Christ is risen!



Pastor Jon



WITNESS

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL

Our next Mission Circle meeting will be on Monday, May 12th at 6pm. We would love to see some new faces--all are welcome. This will be our last meeting for the summer. *President Nancy Henry*



MERCY



The Salvation Army Food Pantry - For the month of **June** we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

<i>Syrup</i>	<i>Pancake Mix</i>	<i>Liquid Hand Soap</i>
<i>Lotion</i>	<i>Garden Produce</i>	<i>Ramen Noodles</i>
<i>Bath Gel</i>	<i>Juices of any size</i>	



LIFE TOGETHER

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

- **Lutheranism 101** - This is open to everyone. A great way to get a refresher on the core teachings of the faith. The next class will start in August
- **Sunday Adult Class:** The Gospel of John
- **Brown Bag Bible Study** - Brown Bag Bible Study will be June 12th & 26th at 12:00pm bring a lunch. Coffee and dessert provided.

PRAYER CHAIN: Need "Links" for prayer chain - simple as phoning a friend to continue prayers. Please call 563-588-1076 ASAP! God Bless!
Karen Paar

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Days off - June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

OFFICIAL ACTS – MAY 2025

Baptisms: None

Junior Confirmation: None

Adult Confirmation: None

Weddings: None

Transfer In: None

Transferred Out: None

New Members: None

Funeral/Memorial: None

Re-Instated Members: *Diana Hattula & Heidi (Hattula) Pickering*



ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATE: If you have not signed up to have flowers on the altar now is the time. We have 7 weeks open. The flower chart is in the fellowship hall. Cost remains at \$30 with payment made to St Paul and ear-marked "flowers" at the time of sign up. Put the payment in envelopes provided with necessary information filled in, and place in the offering plate. Please check if you will take after Sunday service or leave for shut ins. We continue to ask you to return the glass bowls for reuse. Questions-Charlotte Tigges 563 599 2745



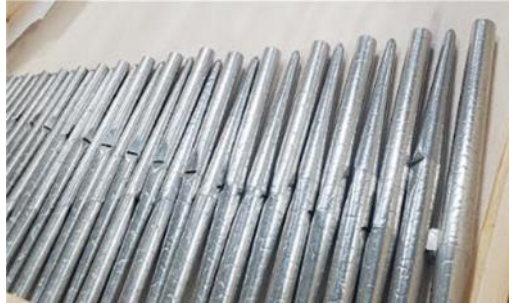
ALTAR GUILD! There is currently a great need for altar guild helpers. If you are willing to help clean the communion vessels after services or polish metalware twice a year, please call the church office or send an email to the church secretary.

JULY NEWSLETTER info is due by **FRIDAY JUNE 20TH**

RUTH CIRCLE: We want to remind all our church members of the greeting cards we have for sale. The proceeds from the card sales go to cleaning the Pastor's vestments and purchasing the altar linen. We have the following boxes of cards available: Graduation, Confirmation, Birthday, Anniversary, Thinking of You, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding, and Christmas. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 5th at 10:00am.

BOARD OF MISSION & MINISTRY

GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND: Please feel free to designate an offering to the Good Neighbor Fund to help meet the needs of our church family and neighbors in their time of challenge.



Dear Members of St. Paul,

At our recent Voters' Meeting, the congregation voted to approve some additional work on the organ and fundraise for the full cost of the project, which totals \$162,000. By God's grace and through the generosity of many, we have already received \$123,000 in donations, along with another \$18,000 in pledged commitments. That brings us within reach of our goal—we now need to raise just \$21,000 more.

Today, I am writing to share a wonderful opportunity that can help us reach this goal more quickly. A generous member of our congregation has offered to **match every new donation dollar-for-dollar, up to \$10,500, now through June 22**. If we can raise \$10,500 by then, the match will bring us to the full \$21,000 we need to complete our fundraising.

We kindly ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift toward this effort before June 22, so that your donation will be doubled through the matching challenge. Every gift—large or small—brings us closer to completing this important project.

Donations can be made by check (please note “Organ Restoration” in the memo) or online through our church giving portal. If you have any questions or would like to fulfill an earlier pledge, please don't hesitate to contact us or the church office.

Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry and for helping preserve this vital piece of our worship life.

In Christ,

St. Paul Church Council

Notes + News from the **Board of Christian Education**

**THANK
you**

Many thanks to our 2024-25 Sunday school and confirmation teachers, who faithfully share Jesus' love with their students: Becky Clark, Brianna Fry, Kristie Fry, Sue Hass and Adam Hill!

Vacation Bible School

June 8-12, 2025 | 6-8pm (supper at 5:30)



DATES TO NOTE!

- **Wednesday, May 28 | 6:30-8 pm** Volunteer meeting
- **Saturday, June 7 | 9:30 am** Build sets, organize supplies, maybe try on some Bible time costumes
- **Saturday, June 7 | after church** Parking lot picnic for neighborhood recruiting

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register online at <https://forms.gle/Y2RxUjx3H6Pe855s7>, scan the QR code or pick up paper forms in the fellowship hall.



SUPPLY DONATIONS

Check out the board in the fellowship hall for needed items!

HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

Invite neighbors, friends and grandkids; pick up a few fliers at church!

Questions? Connect with Katy Crawford (katy.munson@gmail.com, 815.876.6426) or Kendra Lafrenz (kendra9897@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to be involved!

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN JUNE

Gloria Gottschalk Joan Herrig Herman Lenaburg

PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE 2025

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Mark Geothschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Brittni Strege (niece to Richard & Kim Weed)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Matthew Kittle (brother of Greg Kittle)
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)
Kenny Stelpflug (brother of Doris Pergande)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Doris Pergande, Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives), Dusty Colby, Judy Pergande, Jayson Eichman (Harmony), Damaris Eichman, Jan Anderson

Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)
- The Walker family
- Donetta Spohr
- Marlene Weber

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*



JUNE anniversaries

4-Jeff & Erin Huebschman	6-Tom & Diane Unsen
9-Bill & Sandi Heller	17-Jon & Ruth Barz
18-Trevor & Kayla Budewitz	21-Brian & Kalyssa Worden
24-Jon & Misty Lutz	26-Dave & Angie Kelley
26-Doug & Lisa Miller	27-Richard & Kim Weed



june BAPTISMS

11-Jennifer Calonder	13-Alan Calonder	13-Leslie Davis
13-Patty Walen	14-Pastor Jon	15-Darron Smith
15-Logan Zasada	16-Doug Miller	17-Lauren Miller
20-Rich Ratka	27-Linda Ratka	28-Allison Calonder



JUNE birthdays

9-Jayson Eichman	9-Linda Ratka	10-Claire Kelley
14-Doug Miller	17-Adam Hill, Jr.	19-Anne Prisk
22-Joseph Stangl	24-Asher Crawford	24-Elias Crawford
27-Connor Hill	28-Kelly Baumgartner	28-Janet Miller
30-Judy Marcue		



**The
Real
World**



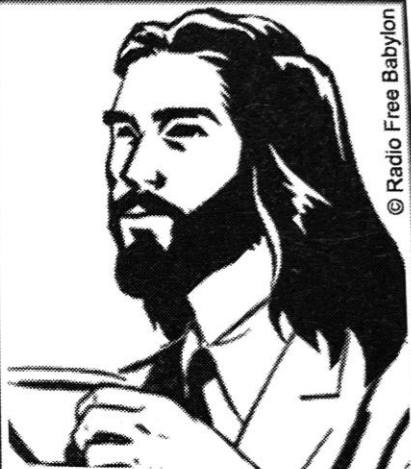
I look at the world, Jesus, at nature, the mountains, forests, the ocean, flowers—all of it! It all speaks of your deep love!



I know, right?



But then I look at *the real world* and see the sorrow and the strife, and I'm like, "Where is God in this?"



I am deep in the sorrow, Lisa. The strife is daily with me.

And every day I'm going, "Why isn't Lisa here with me?"

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2025

		Sun, June 1, 9:00am
Head Usher:		Mark Litka
Altar Guild:		
Organist:		David Pitt
	Sat, June 7, 5:30pm	Sun, June 8 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Adam Hill
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, June 14, 6:30am	Sun June 15, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Greg Kittle
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, June 21, 5:30pm	Sun June 22, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Jon Lutz
Altar Guild:	N/A	A.J. & Angela Osterkamp
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, June 28, 5:30pm	Sun June 29, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Barz
Altar Guild:	N/A	Becky Clark
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt