

There's a Place for You at St. Paul's!



For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: [Ecclesiastes 3:12-13](#)

This week, I decided it was finally safe to put the snow shovel away. At this point, I certainly hope we don't see anymore of that white stuff for many months! The season has dramatically changed in the last couple of weeks, and for many of us, it is a most welcome change.

The changes in our weather aren't the only seasons that we experience in our life. In fact, King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes that "for everything there is a season." I encourage you to read the whole chapter of Ecclesiastes 3 along with this article. Solomon gives many examples of "changing seasons" in that chapter. Here are a few examples: our life in its entirety is but a season in the greater concept of time. There is a planting season and a harvest season, times of sadness and times of laughter, seasons to save and store, and there are times to spend and **give**.

Summer is approaching fast, and for many of us, the warmer weather isn't the only change of season happening right now. We have one member in the church engaged to get married in the not-too-distant future (Cody, that would be you), and marriage begins a new season of life! Some of you may have family members expecting a baby, perhaps your grandchild. Some of you are entering into a time each year that is defined as "lake season" (weekends at one of our beautiful lakes). Some may have graduating seniors in your family who are ending this season of life and heading off to college in the fall, and some may know college seniors who are graduating and taking jobs – some close to home, and some in other places in the country. These are just a few of the ways that our lives change over the course of time, and these kinds of things happen all through life!

At the end of his list of seasons in Ecclesiastes 3, Solomon says that this is the business God has given to humankind and that God has made everything beautiful in its time. These kinds of changes are often wonderful, but there are also changing seasons that are painful and filled with sorrow. Those seasons can last days or weeks, months or even years! One of the main points of the book of Ecclesiastes is that God is in control through all these seasons of life and that God is good to us. It may not always look like it, but God sees things from a different angle, a better and eternal perspective, and God makes everything beautiful in its time!

Because of that, Solomon says in [Ecclesiastes 3:12-13](#) that the best thing for humankind, in whatever we do in any season, is to be joyful, "do good" as long as we live, and take pleasure in our toil or work, whatever it is. Solomon says that this is God's gift to humankind. In other words, God's in control, so enjoy yourselves! Isn't that kind of a fun thought?!

Sometimes changes in our life cause fear. By nature, we don't always like change. If that's you, whatever changes are happening in your life, remember that God is in control, God's good to us, and God will take care of us, so enjoy whatever God has in store for your next season of life!

With all the activities that we may be involved in this summer, some will take many of us away from church at various times. Please remember God does not take a vacation and neither does the church. Whether you are in church or not, the church still has water, gas, and electric bills, a mortgage, and staff and pastor to pay. This is the reality of being a church. Please remember to continue your contributions throughout the summer, even when you are gone. And when you are in town, we need you in worship. We cannot be with the sheep if the sheep are not in church. (If you were in church on Good Shepherd Sunday, you will understand that statement.)

Have a wonderful summer, and I'll see you in church this summer,

Pastor Mary Lou

Greetings to All of You at St. Paul's!

When this newsletter comes out, your 2024 Rummage Sale will be history. You have been in my prayers as you prepared for that event. We have such fond memories of St. Paul's rummage sales. I'm sending these two pictures, so you can compare who was in that picture with who was in this year's picture!

In the group photo, Hope Chowanski is front and center, and I understand she was your fearless leader this time around. The other is of Sandy Danforth, taking a rest, which I suspect was needed again this year when she played such a key role. Kudos to all of you who worked hard to make this event possible once again!

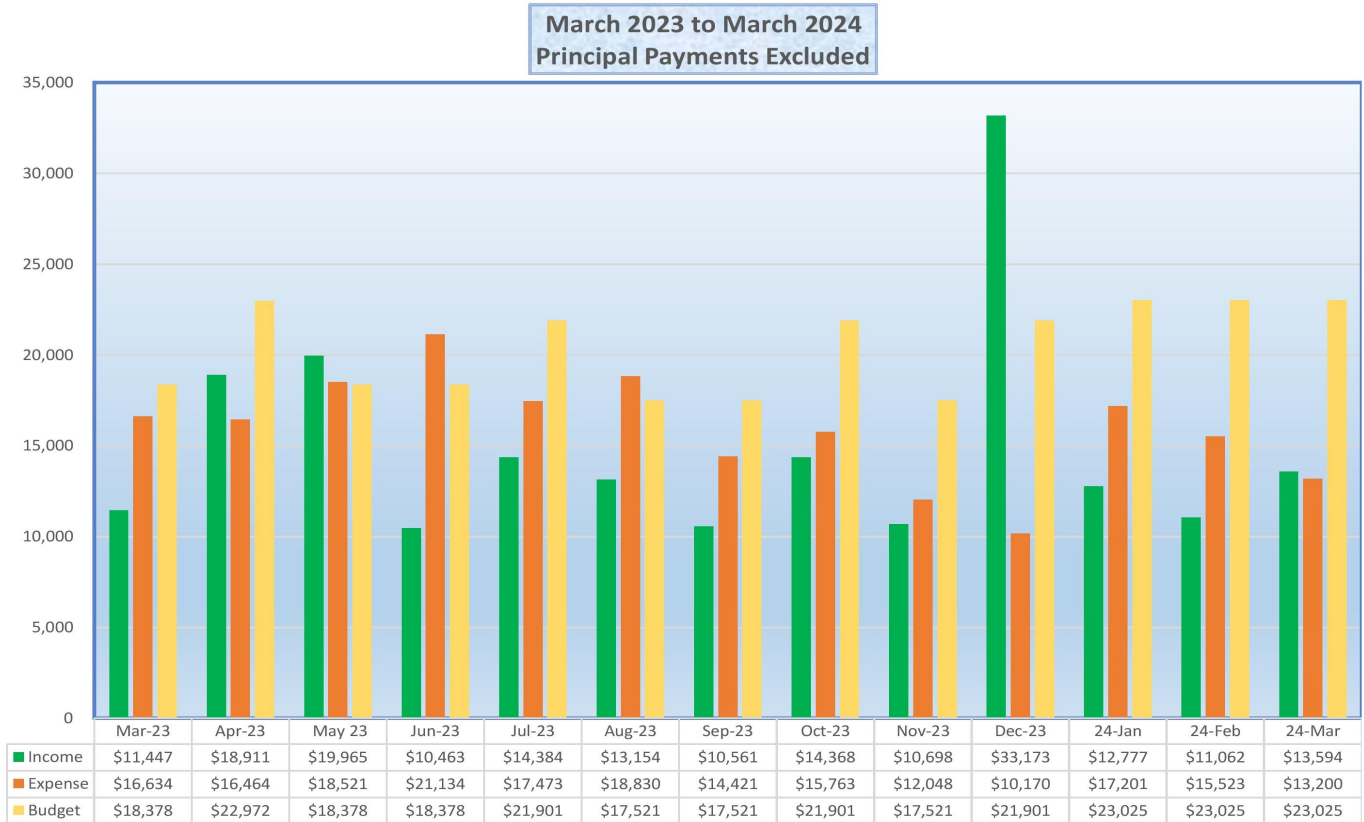
Jim and I send our warm wishes to each of you, and we look forward to hearing about the successful sale you just pulled off!!

Andrea and Jim Rud





Treasurer's Report: Income, Expenses and Budgets Chart



March 2024 Chart

4/11/2024; 3:30 PM

**Thank you to all those who continue to tithe, give offerings,
 and donate their time and talents to St. Paul's.
 Your contributions are sincerely appreciated.**



	A	B	C	D	I	J
1	St Paul's Lutheran Family-ELCA					
2	Budget Worksheet for FY 2025					
3	Yearly Budget Comparison					
4						
5			12 Months- 4/23-3/24	Year Ending June 2024	Prepare 2025 budget	NOTES
6	INCOME	4000				
7	CONTRIBUTION INCOME	4010	183,918	227,415	231,535	
8	UNRESTRICTED	4020				
9	Subtotal Contribution Income	4010	183,918	227,415	231,535	
10	TOTAL INCOME		183,918	227,415	231,535	
11						
12	EXPENSES	5000				
13	FIXED EXPENSES	5010				
14	PASTORAL SALARIES	5055				
15	SENIOR PASTOR	5060				
16	SP Salary	5061-001			77,873	
17	SP Housing	5062-002				
18	SP Retirement	5063-003			19,005	
19	SP Hlth & Other Benefits	5064-004				
20	SP Mileage Expense	5067-007			1,000	
21	SP Professional Expense	5068-008				
22	Periodicals/Publications	5069-009			500	
23	Subtotal Senior Pastor	5060	0.00	0	98,378	
24	Interim Pastor	5070				
25	IP Salary & Benefits	5071-001	56,338	63,996		
26	IP Housing	5072-002	14,000	24,000		
27	IP Mileage Expense	5073-003				
28	IP Other Supplies	5074-004				
29	Transition Call Committee	5077-007		5,000		
30	IP Retirement	5075-005				
31	Relocation Expense	5078-008	8,689	7,000		
32	Interim Contingency	5079-009				
33	Subtotal Interim Pastor	5070	79,027	99,996	0	
34	Subtotal Pastoral Staff	5050	79,027	99,996	98,378	
35						
36	SUPPORT STAFF	5150				
37	STAFF SALARIES	5151				
38	Sunday Pulpit Supply	5155	2,087	2,400	2,400	
39	Church Secretary	5165	23,696	24,450	24,450	
40	Financial Secretary	5167	1,908	1,910	1,910	
41	Church Musician	5175	11,024	11,024	11,024	
42	Adult Choir Accompanist	5176				
43	Church Musician Sub	5185				
44	Adult Choir Director	5195				
45	Video Monitor * new position	5196			1,400	New Position
46	Janitorial Service	5197	3,796	3,693	3,693	
47	Subtotal Staff Salaries	5151	42,511	43,477	44,877	
48	EMPLOYER EXPENSES	5300				
49	Payroll Taxes	5305	5,948	8,004	9,400	
50	Workers Comp Insurance	5310	778	1,500	1,600	
51	Payroll Processing	5315	2,042	2,071	2,100	
52	Subtotal Employer Expenses	5300	8,768	11,575	13,100	
53	Subtotal Support Staff	5150	51,279	55,052	57,977	

	A	B	C	D	I	J
5			12 Months- 4/23-3/24	Year Ending June 2024	Prepare 2025 budget	NOTES
54						
55	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	5400				
56	Bank Charges	5420	174		50	
57	Transaction Costs	5425	209	198	200	
58	Contingency	5430				
59	Legal Documents	5440	51	150	150	
60	Financial & Church Sftwre	5450	794	609	700	
61	Equipment Repair/Replace	5470		500	200	
62	Office Supplies-Misc	5480-001	375	387	400	
63	O.S. Paper	5481-002	147	500	500	
64	O.S. Printing Expense	5482-003	993	1,215	1,000	
65	O.S. Postage/Shipping	5483-004	460	1,346	1,350	
66	Website Services	5490	430	436	0	PD to 04/2025
67	Copier Lease	5583	2,524	2,540	2,540	
68	Subtotal Administrative Expense	5400	6,157	7,881	6,840	
69						
70	PROPERTY	5600				
71	Loan Prinicipal	5609	13,282	13,472	14,069	
72	Loan Interest payments	5610	4,768	4,578	3,981	
73	Camera Lease	5615	259	270	270	
74	Insurance	5620	7,097	6,887	7,100	
75	Janitorial Supplies	5625	734	750	750	
76	General Maintenance/Repairs	5630	582	500	1,000	
77	Property Maintenance (NB)	5635	1,427			
78	Snow Removal	5650	2,410	2,000	2,500	
79	Lawn Service	5660	6,794	6,000	6,000	
80	Tree Trimming Srvc	5670				
81	Subtotal Property	5600	37,354	34,457	35,670	
82						
83	UTILITIES	5700				
84	Electricity	5710	5,416	3,700	4,600	
85	Garbage	5720	1,285	1,300	1,300	
86	Gas	5730	6,469	4,800	5,600	
87	Telephone / Internet	5740	1,590	1,500	1,600	
88	Water & Sewer	5750	2,702	2,500	2,600	
89	Landscape Water	5755	2,263	1,650	2,000	
90	Subtotal Utilities	5700	19,725	15,450	17,700	
91	Subtotal Fixed Expenses	5010	193,542	212,836	216,565	
92						
93	COMMITTEES	6000				
94	WORSHIP LIFE	6010				
95	Altar Worship Supplies	6015	175	402	200	
96	Altar Flowers	6016	34			
97	Altar Flowers (NB)	6018	168			
98	Sundays and Seasons	6020	63	530	600	
99	Licensing Fees	6025	158	158	175	
100	Devotional Books	6030	946		20	
101	Living Lutheran Mag	6035	100	265	200	
102	Instrument Maintenance	6040				
103	Subtotal Worship Life	6010	1,644	1,355	1,195	

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5			12 Months- 4/23-3/24	Year Ending June 2024	Prepare 2025 budget	NOTES
104						
105	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	6200				
106	Confirmation Expense	6205	451	150	150	
107	Sunday School	6215		200	200	
108	VBS	6220		200	200	
109	Adult Education	6225	15	200	200	
110	Subtotal Christian Education	6200	466	750	750	
111						
112	OUTREACH	6400				
113	Stewardship	6410				
114	Public Relations	6416	685			
115	Design & Coordinating	6418				
116	Fellowship	6420				
117	Wellness	6430				
118	Subtotal Outreach	6400	685	0	0	
119	Subtotal Committees	6000	2,794	2,105	1,945	
120						
121	SYNODICAL EXPENSE	6450				
122	Conference Dues	6460		645		
123	Synod Assembly	6465	1,854	1,000	2,000	
124	Subtotal Synodical Expense	6450	1,854	1,645	2,000	
125	SUBTOTAL BEFOR ELCA/S{ELCA		198,191	216,586	220,510	
126						
127	BENEVOLENCE	6500				
128	ELCA/SPSELCA	6510	7,319	10,829	11,025	5% of income
129	TOTAL EXPENSES		205,510	227,415	231,535	
130						
131	TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME/EXPENSE	-	(21,592)	0	0	



Council Corner

Louise Griffith,

President



President's Report

This article is dedicated to communicating the actions, decisions, and future action items of the Church Council. It is intended to give the congregation the highlights of the Church Council meeting.

At the end of March 2024:	March 2024	Total Year-to-Date
Total General Fund Income	\$13,593.71	\$133,839.34
Total General Fund Expenses	\$13,199.53	\$134,294.07
Difference	\$394.18	\$-454.73

Property Sale Update:

On April 7th, Church Council hosted an information meeting. After a review of a survey provided by the Carson City School District and a question-and-answer session with those present, a recommendation was made for the CCSD to continue to seek an appraisal of the two (2) acres of property. I contacted the superintendent to continue with the appraisal process. It may take 6-8 weeks to before we hear back from CCSD.

Annual and Budget Information Meeting:

Church Council has moved **St. Paul's Annual Meeting** to June 2, 2024 after church service. Normally, our annual meeting is on the second Sunday of June, however, the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly is on June 7-9, 2024 and creates a conflict. Church Council has also scheduled a **Budget Information Meeting** for May 5th after the church service to answer any questions about the proposed budget for 2024-2025, which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Last Sunday, two members volunteered to be on Church Council. There is still one more vacancy to be filled. The term of a council member is three (3) years. You must be a member of St. Paul's and your gifts and talents would be welcomed. Currently, Ken Beaton and Nakita Jones are on the nominating committee. If you would like to serve on the Church Council, please talk to one of them or feel free to contact me.

Annual Reports:

It is really important to have reports from committees and groups in our church in the Annual Report. The report does not have to be very long. A simple list of what happened this last year and who was involved is all that is needed. The report is due to Brette, our office manager, by **May 15th**, so she will have time to put everything together. The Annual Report will be very important for a new pastor. It will help them understand who we are and what happens in our community. To all those who are so involved in our church and its events, THANK YOU!

Online Calendar is on the Website!

Thanks to Cody Lopez's suggestion at the Council meeting, there is now a calendar on the church's website for current and future months. If you have an event, committee meeting, or gathering, please email or call Brette, so she can add it. Thank you!

I ask the congregation to unite in prayer each night at 8:00 p.m.

Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us, O Lord, to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor continues. Bless all who have taken on extra responsibility and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. We pray in your Son's name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Louise Griffith, President

Phone: 775 232-7071 in the evenings

Servants Serving

Altar Guild for May

Hope Chowanski and Heidi Jones

Greeters

May 5th Judy McPhail
May 12th Dorothea Phelan
May 19th Kelly and Justin Boggs
May 26th Deanna Fine

Readers

May 5th Hope Chowanski
May 12th Dorothea Phelan
May 19th Heidi Jones
May 26th Ken Beaton

Ushers TBA

Musicians

Dave Lingsjo,
Principle Musician
Vicki Hamilton, Organist
Carol Arneson, Choir Director

Live-streaming Team

Holly McPhail and Nick Cotsonis

Acolytes

Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolytes – TBA

Coffee Guru

Jean Opperman

Communion Assistants

May 5th TBA
May 12th TBA
May 19th TBA
May 26th TBA

Counters

May 5th Judy McPhail, Dick Lowther
May 12th Dorothea Phelan, Greg Griffith
May 19th Judy McPhail, Jeanne Russell
May 26th Deanna Fine, Carol Arneson

Ministry Leaders

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton
Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald
Readers: Judy McPhail
Counters: Mary DeFelice
Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail
Youth Acolytes: Traci Angel
Card Ministry: Marla Johnson

Ministry Leaders' E-mail

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Counters: Mary DeFelice
Marenang@hotmail.com

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Ushers: Dave Harrell
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Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail
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Stewardship: Deanna Fine
deannajofine@gmail.com

Card Ministry: Marla Johnson
johnsonmarla@outlook.com



Celebration going on!



May Birthdays

- 1 Rodger Steyn
- 2 Kathy Edwards
- 3 Aaron Silver
- 6 Mary DeFelice
- 8 Penny Cotsonis
- 8 Elijah Olson
- 13 Dave Harrell
- 14 Jean Opperman
- 19 Dottie Foster
- 19 Sue Goetz
- 19 Clarence Luterick
- 21 Larkin Russell
- 23 Austin York
- 26 Anna Silver Little
- 29 Steve Ranson
- 30 Daniel Neiman

May Anniversaries

- 13 Jay and Sharon Olshen
- 13 Joan and Jere Schultz



WELCA Bible Study
meets on the first Tuesday
of the month
at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Please join this
wonderful group!

**BIBLE
STUDY**



STITCHERS meet in
Friendship Hall the
second and fourth
Tuesday of each month
from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

*No experience is
necessary!*

*On Mother's Day, May 12th, the ladies of
Stitchers will have their beautiful quilts
displayed in the sanctuary.*

Please plan to attend the service.



Worthy Charities in Carson City

Advocates to End Domestic Violence

<https://www.aedv.org/>

FISH Friends in Service Helping

<https://www.nvfish.com/>

Feeding Pets of the Homeless

<https://petsofthehomeless.org/>

Catmandu Cat Shelter

<https://www.catmanducc.org/>

Scaredy Cats Trap Neuter Release

<https://www.scaredycatstnr.com/>

Nevada Humane Society

<https://nevadahumanesociety.org/>



Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Our worship service is live-streamed via YouTube.

Directions for YouTube: Copy and paste this link into your web browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulslutheranfamily7828>



The link will take you to St. Paul's YouTube channel where you can watch the live service.

To watch recorded services, click on "Playlist" and then choose the Sunday service/video you want to watch.



St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal is held each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We usually rehearse for about an hour. So, if you like to sing and can spare some time on a Wednesday evening, please come join us.

The summer hiatus schedule will be announced soon. Thank you! Carol Arneson



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Help people in our community, our country, and the world who have been impacted by poverty, war, political instability, hunger, disease, and weather disasters.

<https://worldrelief.org/>

Thank you!



FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, Michael Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Raelynn Norman (niece of Judy McPhail), Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail), Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee, Bryce Stimka, Olivia Lesperance, John Duffy (nephew of Sharon and Tom Gesick), and Justin Snowden.

Anyone who has a family member in the military and would like the card ministry to send them a card of encouragement and thanks, please email their name/s and address/es to:

Johnsonmarla@outlook.com

You may also call 775 883-7982. Thanks for your help!

Marla Johnson



foster program
NEVADA HUMANE SOCIETY

Please call 775 887-2171 to volunteer. Thanks!

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY WAS A BLAST!

The members of St. Paul's celebrated the Second Sunday of Easter on April 7th with a special Holy Humor Sunday service.

Louise Griffith was the leader of the service, and everyone who participated had a wonderful time.

Photos courtesy of Steve Ranson





Our Beautiful Ladies of St. Paul's





Easter was a joyous celebration at St. Paul's.





*The Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast
hosted by St. Paul's Youth Group
was a huge success!*



Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who spent their days setting up the rummage sale and then breaking it down afterward. Their job was monumental, and without their help, the rummage sale would not have happened.

(Please note that several helpers were not present when photos were taken.)



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All youth who are in the 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join the youth group!
We meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday after the service.
If you know anyone who is interested or has any questions,
please call Traci Angel at 775 721-5495.



Easter

Thank you to all who joined us for the Annual Pancake Breakfast. The youth cooked and served fifteen (15) dozen eggs, 250 sausage links, 10 lbs. of pancake mix, and fruit. They were up early, starting at 6:30 a.m., and began dishing out the yummy goodness at 10:00 a.m.!

The youth hosted the Easter Egg Hunt as well! THANK YOU TO ALL who donated candy and treats. The weather was not really on our side this year; however, that did not stop our kids from having a HUNT! They just got to hunt in the sanctuary this year. Once the little ones had finished their egg hunt, the big kids had their turn! All kids and youth had a great Easter!

The bunnies had a blast stopping by and seeing over thirty-three (33) of our amazing members. Three cars loaded up and left for an afternoon of joy and fellowship!

WELCA & Youth Group

The youth and WELCA would like to thank all who helped us with Doug's service! Our church family is amazing! We can make anything work! It was an honor to help with Doug's service! He and Pat have been instrumental members of our church! It takes a village, and we have the BEST! Thank you to Sharon Gesick, Joan Schultz, and Traci Angel for leading us along the way! Thank you Marla Johnson, Sharon Melsheimer, Carol Arneson, Vicki Hamilton, Louise Griffith, Judy Heckman, Mary DeFelice, Charlotte LeCombe, Deanna Fine, Ruth Fitzgerald, Sandy Danforth, Sandy Duncan, Gayle Kennett, Jay Olshen, Dick Lowther, Vera Logie, Kim Nieman, Judy Webster, Judy McPhail, Jean Opperman, Jeanne Russell, David Harrell, Heidi Jones, Kathy Edwards, Cody Lopez, Kat Waldron, Mya Wilson, Destiny Wilson, Shay Coleman, Alana Saunders, Kellsey Saunders, and Niko Cotsonis! We are sending many prayers to Pat and family!

Calling All Kings and Queens

We are changing things up this year with our Mother's Day Tea! We are hosting a Kings' and Queens' brunch. All are welcome to join us following the service on May 19th. We would like to celebrate all our loved ones! You are welcome to come dressed in your finest royal attire!



Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations, honoring family members, such as Siblings Day, and Grandparents' Day.

While some countries have a multi-century history of a day to celebrate mothers, the modern American version of the holiday began in the United States in the early 20th century at the initiative of Anna Jarvis, who organized the first Mother's Day service of worship and celebration at St. Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which serves as the International Mother's Day Shrine today. It is directly related to the many traditional celebrations of mothers and motherhood that have existed throughout the world over thousands of years, such as the Greek cult to Cybele, the mother deity Rhea, the Roman festival of Hilaria, or the other Christian ecclesiastical Mothering Sunday celebrations (associated with the image of Mother Church.)

However, in some countries, Mother's Day is still synonymous with these older traditions.

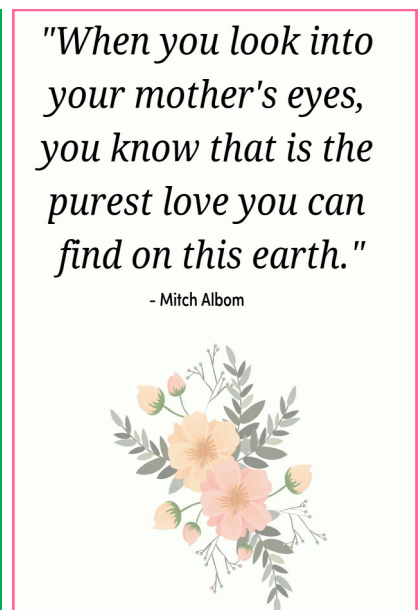
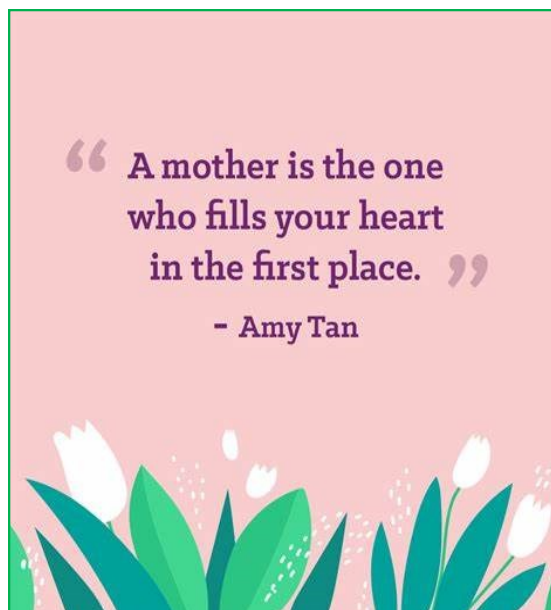


Happy
Mother's
Day

God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers. Rudyard Kipling

I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars.
E. M. Forster

The real religion of the world comes from women much more than from men - from mothers most of all, who carry the key of our souls in their bosoms. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
ROYAL CELEBRATION
Brunch
HONORING OUR
KINGS & QUEENS

SUNDAY **MAY** **19** **10:30AM**

St. Paul's Lutheran Family
1201 North Saliman Road
Carson City, NV 89701





Sundays

Youth Group 1st and 3rd Sundays after worship
NA, 7:00 p.m.

May 12th

Mother's Day
Quilt Sunday

May 19th

Youth Group's Kings' and Queens' Brunch
10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 27th

Memorial Day
The church office will be closed.

Tuesdays

Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m. **Last Class 5/28**

Tuesday, May 7th

WELCA Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

May 14th and 28th

Stitchers, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Wednesdays

Choir practice, 6:00 p.m. **Last day TBA**

Wednesday, May 15th

Annual Reports are DUE today!

Thursdays

Strings Practice, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
No practice during summer vacation

Thursday, May 9th

Executive Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16th

Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

The Month of May

"May" is likely named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin *maiores*, "elders".



Worship services are held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

This Month's Worship Schedule:

May 5th • May 12th • May 19th • May 26th

A Google calendar is now posted on St. Paul's website with all the events happening at our church.

<https://www.stpaulslutheranfamily.com/>

MAY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

May Full Moon

May's full moon, called the **Flower Moon**, appears on Thursday, May 23rd, reaching peak illumination at 9:53 a.m. (EDT). It will be below the horizon at this time, so for the best view of this full moon, step outside on the night of the 23rd or the 24th and look for that big, bright, shining lunar disk!