

St. Paul's Lutheran Family, ELCA

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST June 22, 2025 SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Family! We're so glad you're here.

All Are Welcome!

We mean it when we say, "All are welcome!" No matter where you are on your faith journey, or how you identify, your presence is important to us!

We are incomplete without you.

Pastor Paul M. Larson

Hospitality Details

We firmly believe that there are no limits in God's house. Young or old, **you** are part of our worship community.

There is a table at the righthand side of the sanctuary especially for children. Each Sunday, a bulletin, activity books, and crayons are available for them to use.

Families are encouraged to sit in front of the sanctuary, so they can fully see what is happening.

Those participating in worship who find it difficult to stand for long periods of time are encouraged to take care of themselves. Please sit or stand in ways that make you comfortable.

Communion

All are welcome at God's table!

Nursery

There is a nursery that is staffed by members of the Youth Group every Sunday if your child needs to get some wiggles out.

Happy Hour

Join us for coffee and goodies in Friendship Hall each Sunday after worship.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located between the narthex and Friendship Hall.

Everything is on the screen in front, and we use ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), Setting Eight, which is on page 184 in your ELW hymnal and found under the seat in front of you.

Thank you for joining us. There is a guest book in the narthex and in the back of your bulletin, a visitor information form. Please fill it out and return it to us via email, US Mail, or you can slip it into the mail slot in the church office door.

PRELUDE: Hymn #815, Faith of Our Fathers

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of +Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Hymn #523, Let Us Go Now to the Banquet – Three verses



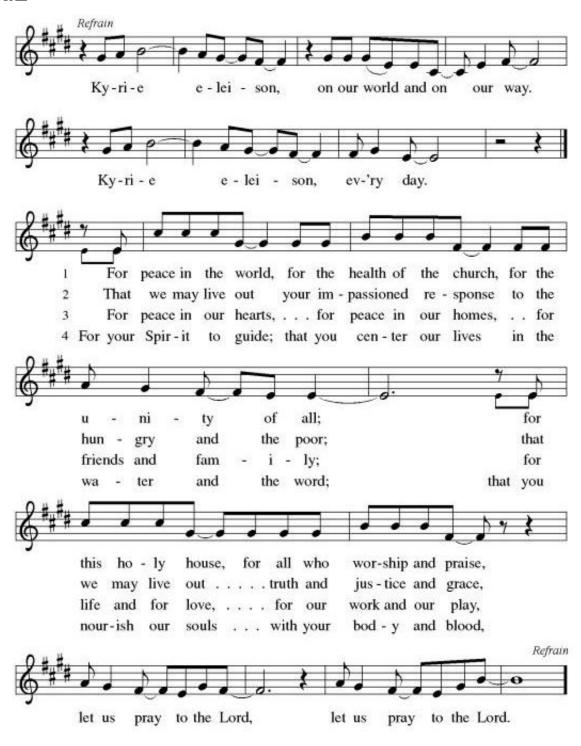
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

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CANTICLE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat the flesh of pigs,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself;

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake

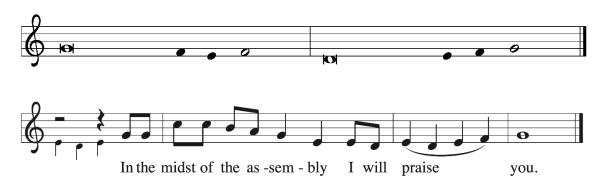
and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28, Tone and Refrain



In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not I far away;

O my help, hasten I to my aid.

²⁰ Deliver me | from the sword, my life from the power | of the dog.

²¹ Save me from the I lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have I rescued me.

²² I will declare your name | to my people; in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. R



²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's [|] line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴ For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them; but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the | great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever! R



- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs | to the LORD, who rules o- | ver the nations. R



SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

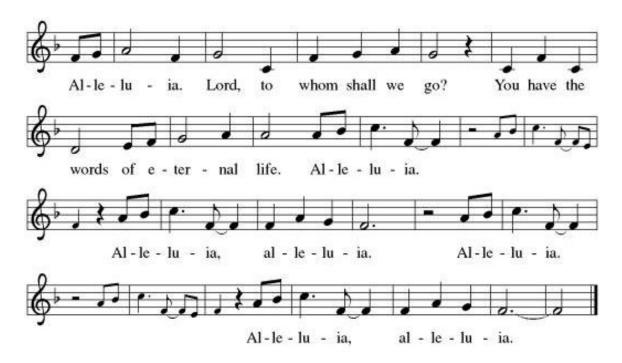
For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:26-39

The holy gospel according to Luke, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God

has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME – Traci Angel

SERMON - The Reverend Paul M. Larson

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hymn #843, Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness – Three verses



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at-ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

The assembly is seated.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

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The assembly stands.

OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #721, Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

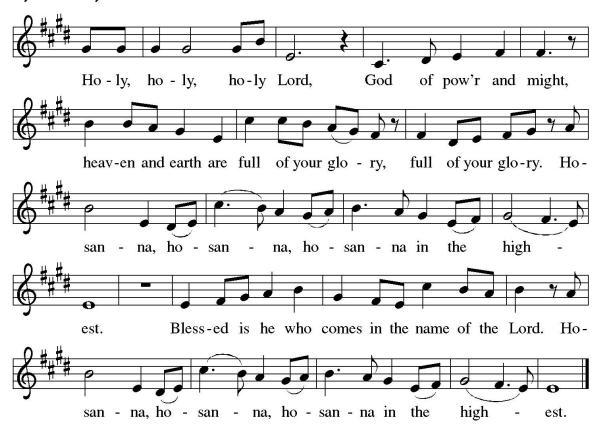
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you an for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using the language of our hearts.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

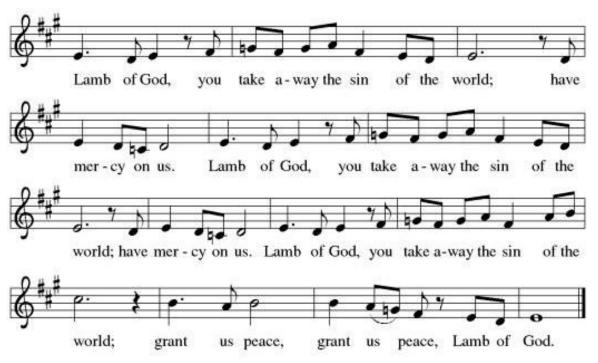
At St. Paul's Lutheran Family, all are welcome at God's table. Nobody will be turned away whether you have partaken before, or this is your first time. All are welcome.

During communion, please come forward to the altar at the instructions of our ushers. Take the wafer, and dip it into the cup. We have gluten-free options available. Please ask a communion assistant. If you need assistance getting to the altar, the Pastor is available to help. We can also bring communion to you. Just let an usher know.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

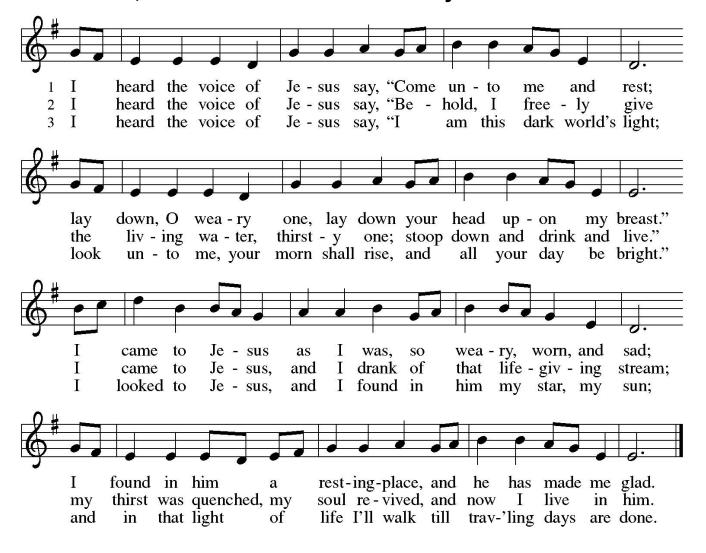
The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS

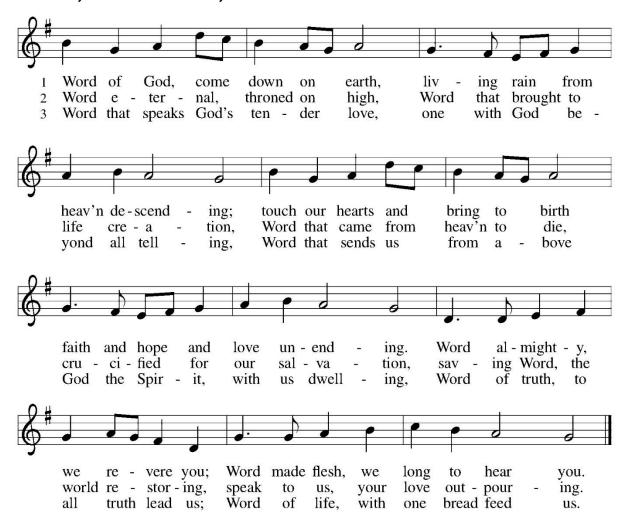
HYMN #611, I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - Three verses



HYMN #651, Oh, Praise the Gracious Power - Four verses



HYMN #510, Word of God, Come Down on Earth - Three verses



COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

+bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Paul Larson will be away on vacation June 26th until July 7th. He will have Pastoral Coverage his time away.

Join us for the Book of Acts Summer Bible Study. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the library. Class will not meet while Pastor Paul is on vacation.

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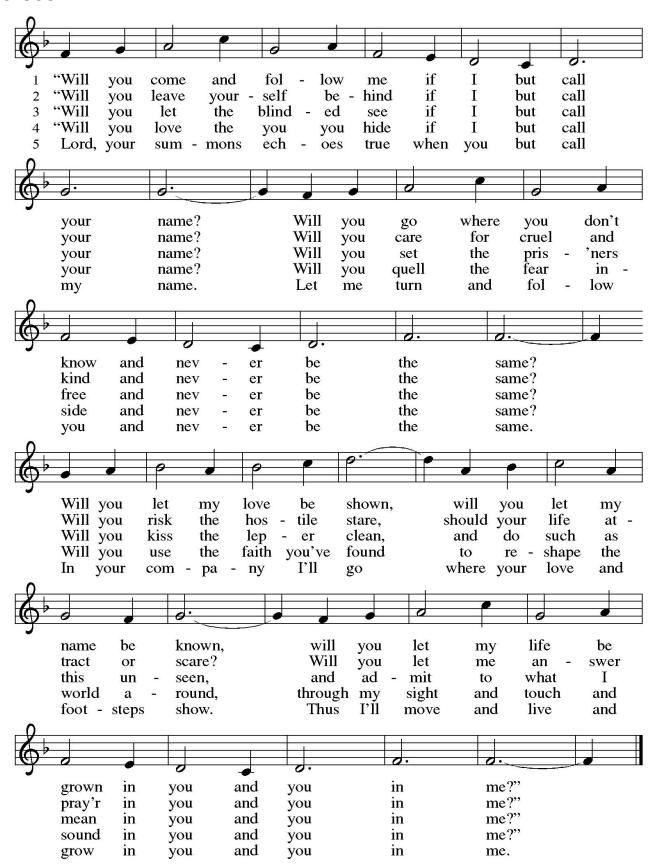
Saturday, August 9, 2025 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Kids entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade





* FREE! Bring a towel & a friend!

SENDING SONG: Hymn #798, Will You Come and Follow Me – Five verses



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Revive Us Again by John J. Husband

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeter - Sharon Gesick

Reader – Linda Wilson

Ushers – Jeanette Peck and Sandy Duncan

Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Cantors – Brian Marley and Tom Gesick

Counters – Dorothea Phelan and Steve Ranson

Youth Acolytes – TBA

Live-streaming Assistants – Nick Cotsonis and Holly McPhail

Musician – Dave Lingensjo

Altar Guild: Nikki Jones and Traci Angel

CHURCH ATTENDANCE STATS: Sunday, June 15, 2025:

Adults: 56, Children: 4, Online: 14

PRAYERS FOR COPING AND HEALING

Bill Krah, friend of Dave Lingensjo, hospitalized for pneumonia and broken ribs; Dana, friend of Dave Lingensjo, injured knee; Marai, niece of Sharon Gesick; recovery/rehab due to a double foot amputation; Sandy Danforth, knee surgery; Sharon Gesick's sister Karen; Marta Marsh, surgery; Lois Denim, amputated leg and cancer; Dick Lowther: surgery; Karen Lowther: a broken hip from a fall; David Wilson, recovering from heart surgery; Katherine Poline, friend of Judy McPhail's oldest daughter Heather, diagnosed with breast cancer; Ray Patrick, Wayne and Jean Opperman's son-in-law, cancer treatment; Wayne Opperman; Vera Logie; Tom, a friend of St. Paul's; Joan Yeskie; Edward Yoho; Fern Yoho; Maxine McGregor, and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Jim Kennett; Gayle Kennett; Pat Thunder; Audrey Stroub; Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues; Bob Stroub; Bill Sandell; Frank and Shirley Bartlett; Carol Kalleres, continued health issues; James Wilson, continued health issues; Ellen Harrell, medical issues; Betty Razor, healing; Karen (Hone) Nolte; Diana Johns and in memory of parents, Steve Osberg.

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If you'd like more information about St. Paul's

or are interested in becoming a member,

please fill out this form and return it to the

church office via email or US Mail.

You may also drop it in the church office door mail slot.

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Prayer requests:	
Hymn Requests:	