



St. Paul's Lutheran Family

July 2023
NEWSLETTER

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



Pastor's Report

July 2023

July...really...where has the time gone?

It may not seem like it, but we have many things happening that are both challenging and exciting at the same time.

The Call Committee is on track to complete the Mission Profile by September, which was the initial goal of the group. We will soon have our next small group meeting to finalize the study of who we are and where we want to go.

Last week at the Sierra Conference meeting, a couple of exciting events happened that I would like to share with you. First, we were approved for a small grant to help with our technology development that should improve our live streaming. We have addressed some of the issues, but continue to improve. The second thing that excited me was that Traci Angel was chosen to be the Sierra Conference candidate for an at-large position on the Synod Council. That election will take place at the Synod convention.

Now the part I really hate to talk about. I know it is summer, but our offerings are down, and we needed to transfer money from our savings to the general account. Can you help? It seems like most parishes tend to find themselves in this same position this time of year, and it is somewhat expected, but it makes me nervous for our future. We must present the potential pastoral candidates with a sound financial picture in order to attract a quality candidate.

Alright...enough talk about money!

I hope you can join us Tuesday for the 4th of July BBQ and fireworks at the church. We have awnings to protect from the sun and a great program of events planned by the Youth Group.

Speaking of outdoors, we had our first outdoor worship since I joined you. It really felt good to be outside and get informal. We will do this again in July and August, maybe even September if the weather co-operates.

A reminder...the men's group will meet again on Tuesday, July 11th at 8:30 a.m., Heidi's on Carson Street.

In His Name,

Mike+

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Council Corner

Louise Griffith,

President



President's Report

July 2023

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.

Thank you to all who were able to come to the annual meeting! We elected two new council members, Sharon Gesick and Cody Lopez. I also want to give a huge THANK YOU to David Harrell who served on council for six years. We also passed a budget that included a 6% increase to current salaries. In order to assist in fulfilling these obligations, we will need the congregation's financial support. The council is very concerned about the financial health of the church.

Discussions during the June council meeting included a possible expansion of the memorial gardens, providing a site to bury loved ones' ashes and a placing stone with the name and dates of life. This project would need a committee to help council with its decision-making process. Please let me know if you are interested in this project.

We continue to update our website.
Please take a look at <https://www.stpaulslutheranfamily.com/>.
We hope this will bring new exposure to the congregation.

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.

God's Peace!

Louise Griffith, President
Phone: 775 232-7071 in the evenings Email: ladylouiseg@gmail.com

Remember: The church is not a building.



We are the church!



Altar Guild for July

Traci Angel and Nakita Jones

Greeters

| | |
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| July 2 nd | Judy McPhail |
| July 9 th | Mary DeFelice |
| July 16 th | Vera Logie |
| July 23 rd | Joan Schultz |
| July 30 th | Carol Arneson |

Readers

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| July 2 nd | Linda Wilson |
| July 9 th | Jeanette Peck |
| July 16 th | Holly McPhail |
| July 23 rd | Ken Beaton |
| July 30 th | Steve Ranson |

Livestreaming Team

Nick Cotsonis and Jay Olshen

Musicians

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

Ministry Leaders' E-mail

Altar Guild: Vicki Hamilton
victoriahamilton9@gmail.com

Greeters: Ruth Fitzgerald
mrsrfitz17@gmail.com

Counters: Mary DeFelice
Marenang@hotmail.com

Readers: Judy McPhail
ROMAC1945@outlook.com

Ushers: Dave Harrell
davidharrell93@yahoo.com

Communion Assistants: Judy McPhail
stpaulcarson@gmail.com

Counters

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| July 2 nd | Nikki Rohrs and Judy McPhail |
| July 9 th | Dave Harrell and Mary DeFelice |
| July 16 th | Nikki Rohrs and Judy McPhail |
| July 23 rd | Carol Arneson and Jean Opperman |
| July 30 th | Nikki Rohrs and Jeanne Russell |

Communion Assistants

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| July 2 nd | Louise Griffith |
| July 9 th | Cody Lopez |
| July 16 th | Jay Olshen |
| July 23 rd | Hope Chowanski |
| July 30 th | Charlotte LaCombe |

Acolytes

Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolytes

Volunteers for all dates TBA

Ushers

Dave Harrell, Kim Neiman, Judy McPhail, and Holly McPhail

Ministry Leaders


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





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.

In worship, God captures your heart; when He's got it, then the real work begins.
Matt Redman



FIREFIIGHTERS/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 Stimpka, Olivia Lesperance, John Duffy (nephew of Sharon and Tom Gesick), and Justin Snowden.

Six Reasons to Go to Church

1. Worshipping God is a commandment.

As one of His Ten Commandments, God commanded that we keep the Sabbath day holy (see Exodus 20:8–11).

2. The Sacrament helps us remember Jesus.

At church, we partake of the sacrament (or Communion). Jesus commanded, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24).

3. God's Church relies on you.

In the Bible, the Apostle Paul compared the church to a body, with Jesus as the head. He said for a body to work, every member is important and must do its part (see Ephesians 4:16).

4. Church services teach and uplift.

What we learn at church gives us guidance on how to follow God, improve our spirituality, and live better lives.

5. You gain a sense of belonging.

Church is a community where we can socialize and support each other. You can make friends, feel a sense of belonging, and build a support network that you can rely on.

6. God can speak to you.

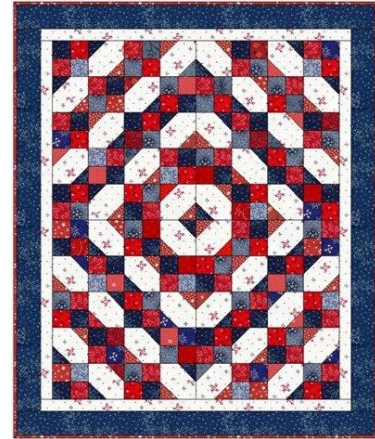
You can find answers at church.

Announcements



WELCA Bible Study
WELCA Bible Study
is taking the summer off.
It will resume in the fall.

STITCHERS will meet in July on the 11th and 25th in Friendship Hall.



Call Committee Meeting

After the worship service on Sunday, July 9th, the Call Committee will have another call committee conversation.

There will be a Coffee Hour combined with finalization of congregational input for inclusion in the report to the Synod.

As promised, the results of the prior surveys will be made available before the meeting.

Please join us to ensure that your voices are heard by the Synod.

Thank you!

A Prayer Chain Leader
is Needed!



If you can help,
please call or email
Pastor Mike or the
church office.

Thanks!



I would like to
thank everyone
for sending me
lovely cards all
the time.

Each card
uplifts my
spirits.

Vera Logie

If you would like to be part of the card writing ministry that sends greetings cards to St. Paul's homebound, please contact Peg Bradtke.
fakenails@aol.com



If you wish to volunteer for any of St. Paul's ministries, please see Pastor Mike or call the church office.

**St. Paul's needs you,
and you need St. Paul's!**



July Birthdays

- 2 Ken Thunder
- 8 Shawn Anderson
- 11 Jennifer Overlock
- 12 Steven Anderson
- 12 Jeffrey Gesick
- 12 Kelsey Hamilton
- 13 Claire Olson
- 14 Marian Furnari
- 15 Holly McPhail
- 19 Bev Gutzman
- 24 Fritz Steinle
- 25 Marta Marsh
- 27 Sonja Fischer
- 28 Chris Marsh
- 29 Darlene Lacugna
- 29 Glendanne Block
- 31 Nakita Jones



*Looking for a cool summer salad?
Try this one. It's yummy!*

Avocado and Mango Salad

This summery salad is packed with fresh flavors, including mango and avocado dressed in a chili-lime vinaigrette. It comes together in just 20 minutes, no cooking required.

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 teaspoons agave nectar or honey
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ancho chili powder
- 1 jalapeño, seeded and diced
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 (10-ounce) heads of butter lettuce, washed, dried, and torn into bite-sized pieces
- 3 mangoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1/4 cup red onion, finely diced
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves
- 2 avocados, halved, pitted, and cut into 1/2-inch diced pieces

Directions

To prepare the vinaigrette, whisk together the olive oil, lime juice, agave nectar, cumin, chili powder, and jalapeño in a small mixing bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, toss the lettuce leaves, mango, red onion, and cilantro with vinaigrette.

Divide among 8 bowls and top with the avocado.





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

Summer Fun
4th of July BBQ

We hope you all will join us for the annual 4th of July BBQ starting at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

We do have the BEST seats in town to watch the fireworks.

If you don't want to stay for the fireworks, you can still come and join us for dinner.

We look forward to seeing you!



Congratulations on your

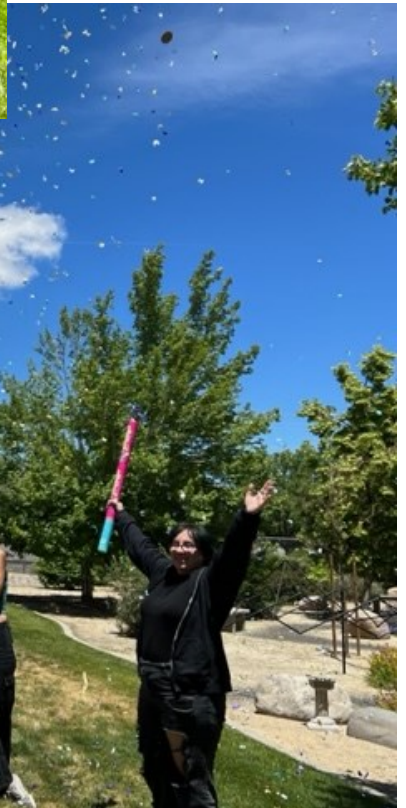
GRADUATION!

Well done, you did it!



St. Paul's
8th grade
graduates:
Nick and Alana

High school
graduates:
Dorothy and
Alex





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

Pastor Mike's Bible Study

Please join Pastor Mike for Bible Study each Sunday after the worship service.

Sunday Worship

July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Sundays

NA, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4th

Independence Day

The church office is closed.

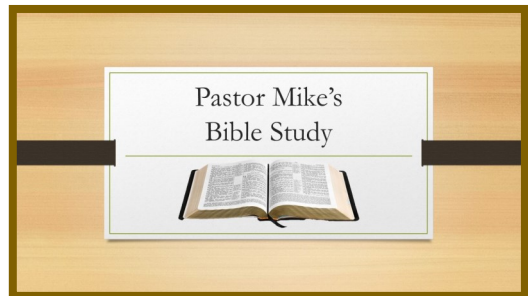
St. Paul's Annual July 4th BBQ and Fireworks, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 13th

Executive Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 20th

Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.



Faith Link (Sunday school) is at 10:15 a.m.

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Our office assistant is in the church office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.



DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM CHURCH

If you have an event, birthday, anniversary, graduation, or any other special occasion you'd like to have published in the newsletter, please send the information to the church office by the **21st of each month unless otherwise advised**. Thanks!

Please note: If submissions are not made by the deadline date, all articles and photos will go into the next month's newsletter.

